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Anger over council plan for go-slow on the roads

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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SEVERAL major roads in one town will soon have speed limits slashed to 20mph – a decision which met with anger from some residents.

At a lively meeting on Monday night, West Bletchley Council confirmed it will now go ahead with the scheme in an effort to curb speeding on some of the town's main arteries, used by commuters travelling between the city and other parts of the county.

But some, including Councillor Arun Vaidyanathan, don't believe the residents concerned have been properly consulted.

At the meeting, he said surveys he carried out in the area revealed large percentages were in favour of the roads remaining 30mph.

Gareth Lloyd-Davies, who lives near the area affected, said he also carried out his own survey and people were horrified at the proposals .

At the meeting he added: "The first thing that really came to light was a lack of consultation – they were aghast that this was going through because they knew nothing about it.

As previously reported by MK NEWS, the council's planning and environment committee came up with the plan, which will run for a six-month trial period, after its resident surveys uncovered many people were worried for their safety due to speeding motorists.

But the plan was met with consternation by many of our readers living in the area, with some writing to us with their worries about potential traffic problems this could cause, and others believing people will still speed regardless of the limit.

The roads affected will include 1.1-mile-long Whalley Drive and a section of Shenley Road, used by many as a short cut between Buckingham Road and H8 Standing Way.

At the meeting Cllr Tony Mabbott, who proposed the scheme, said: "The point of this is about changing motorists' attitudes, and by having the 20mph limit you are doing that.

"Either we want safer roads, or we don't."

He said that physical barriers such as humps weren't being considered due to the cost implications.

An amendment to the scheme was made by Cllr Liz Campbell, which states the plan will now be 'subject to a full consultation with residents of those roads affected' with a working group being set up to meet with those who have concerns.

A-ga do-do-do push pineapple, shape a tree . . .

AN EX-HAIRDRESSER has shaped the trees outside his house into pineapples - although it was all an accident.

Dudley Haines, 68, bought the trees nearly 30 years ago and was told they would only grow to about three metres high.

However, the trees haven't stopped growing and now Mr Haines' ladder does not reach high enough to trim the tops.

Mr Haines, who lives in Fennymere, Two Mile Ash, said: "They needed to be trimmed but that was as high as my ladder would go. It was a complete accident. I was a hairdresser when I was younger and then a copper roofer which I needed shears for so I've always used scissors."

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Let's dance: Members of dance group Diversity and choreographer to the stars, John Graham, conduct a Born to Shine Roadshow at Westcroft

Diversity duo put youngsters through their paces

LUCKY youngsters took part in a 30-minute dance masterclass with two reality TV stars on Thursday.

Jordan Banjo and Ashton Russell from dance group Diversity, past winners of Britain's Got Talent, stopped by at a rain-soaked Morrisons car park in Westcroft to put some potential stars of the future through their paces. It was all part of ITV show Born to Shine, backed by charity Save the Children, where talented youngsters teach famous faces a new skill.

Jordan said: "All children can shine if they're given the chance."

Fire union hits out over £500k costs

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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THE city's fire service has spent more than £500,000 on consultancy costs and employment agency fees this year - almost equal to the entire amount spent in a previous four-year period.

This was revealed just a week after MK NEWS reported safety fears as Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes Fire and Rescue Service (BFRS) looks to save £4.8million by 2014, which could include a review of the crewing arrangements at four city fire stations. Following a Freedom of Information request submitted by the Fire Brigades Union (FBU), it was revealed BFRS spent £567,292 on consultancy and employment agency fees between January and July this year.

In the four years between 2005 and 2009, a total of £638,413 was spent by the service on consultancy fees and employment agency costs.

FBU Brigade Secretary James Wolfenden said: "I am truly shocked by these revelations, and absolutely certain that the public would not support this massive increase in consultancy costs at the same time as senior managers are proposing to make some of the biggest cuts to front line services in the history of the brigade.

"If the authority keeps paying this much public money to private consultancy firms and employment agencies they will hit a total yearly expenditure of just under a million pounds. This figure is equivalent to the wages of 35 firefighters.

"This is an irresponsible fiscal policy and must be addressed."

At the time MK NEWS went to press, BFRS had not responded.

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Get singing and raise some cash for hospice

WILLEN Hospice is inviting all performers to sign up to this year's Voices for Hospices event in October.

Voices for Hospices is a global, bi-annual event raising funds and awareness for the vital services that hospices provide.

Willen Hospice is a charity which provides specialist care to patients and support for their families. Their vision is to be the lasting and thriving provider of free care to all people affected by life-limiting illness in Milton Keynes.

Pauline Mitchelmore said: "We are asking this talented community to support us by hosting a performance from any musical genre, poetry events, drama evenings, comedy nights. Whilst having fun we can raise essential funds for Willen Hospice."

The team will be on hand to provide fundraising materials to make your event extra special. Contact Pauline Mitchelmore on 01908 308708 or e-mail mitchelmorep@willen-hospice.org.uk.

91 and still on the piste

A 91-YEAR-OLD man who took to the slopes in Milton Keynes could be the country's oldest skier.

Richard Wilson tried out the sport at SNO!zone at Xscape after his grandson Glen Greener, who runs a snowsports company, organised a special lesson.

Staff believe that nobody older has taken to the snow in the UK.

Mr Wilson, who was visiting the city from Cumbria, had his lesson with Disability Snowsports UK instructor Charlie Laine, who showed him how to use a sit-ski, a moulded seat fixed to a metal frame. A former Bevin Boy, who worked in coal mines during World War II, Mr Wilson had never had the opportunity to try skiing or snowboarding before.

He said: "Steering the sit-ski was much like riding a motorcycle and the feeling of going down the slope was fantastic.

"I've booked myself in for another lesson already."

Sarah Porteus, head of marketing at SNO!zone, added: "He's certainly the oldest customer we've ever welcomed onto our slope, if not the oldest skier in the UK."

Residents fear pub licence bid will bring back public disorder

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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A PUB'S licence application which included strippers and opening until 3am has residents fearing an increase in antisocial behaviour.

But the applicant says she only wants to be 'allowed to trade fairly'.

After it closed in December the New Queen Victoria, on Church Street in Wolverton, reopened on its old premises licence on Friday, August 12, but on Monday, August 1, the owners applied for a new extended licence.

This included what they called 'male and female adult entertainment, pole dancing and strippers', and opening hours until 3am.

Sue Quinn, a resident of nearby Buckingham Street, fears this could cause problems.

She said: "When it was open before, I was sick of my car being damaged and fights in the street, but since it's been closed it's been a real pleasure to live here.

"When I saw that adult entertainment was also on the licence, I thought that in a community like this, where some of us are working really hard to make it a more pleasant place to live, this seems to fly in the face of that."

The application was rejected as invalid as the owner, Tara Peacock, did not advertise in the press, but says she will now reapply tomorrow for opening until 2am at the weekend – but not adult entertainment.

She said: "To turn this building into a lap dancing club would be of no value to me. There's a removable pole, so that if anyone approaches me with a private party or event we can accommodate that.

"We just wanted to make sure we don't break any rules."

She said she was advised to apply for the 3am opening times as things can be taken off the licence but not added to it, and said that other pubs in the town are allowed to open later.

She added: "I think we should be given a chance like everyone else."

She has organised a public meeting for residents, which will include local police, for today at 6pm in the pub.

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Youth swings into trouble

A TEENAGER was left red-faced when he got trapped in a baby swing.

The boy got stuck at Wolverton Park on Victoria Street and firefighters had to be called to set him free.

One fire appliance and a crew from Great Holm arrived at about 3.38pm on Sunday and he was released uninjured.

Dementia support rolls in

CITY mayor Alan Richards launched the first ever 'Dementia Community Roadshow' at Wolverton's Tesco store on Tuesday.

The special vehicle allows people who are affected by dementia to drop by for information and advice with no appointment necessary.

It will remain outside Tesco until tomorrow.

Mr Richards said: "It's an extremely important service and I'd really encourage anyone with questions about dementia to come down and find out more."

The roadshow is touring the country and aims to reach 100,000 people over three years.

Host a charity casino

THE Rotary Club of the Brickhills is looking for anyone interested in hosting a charity casino to raise money for good causes.

All of the money charged goes into a special account before being distributed to local, national and international charities.

For more information on holding a casino for a special occasion, e-mail casino@brickhillsrotary.co.uk

The tide comes in on shopping centre beach

MAKE sure to enjoy the last week at thecentre:mk beach, which finishes next Wednesday.

More than 660,000 visitors have turned out for a day on the beach over the past four weeks of the school holidays to enjoy the sand, free football skills, Punch and Judy shows and free discos.

Melanie Beck, head of marketing and communication, said: "The beach continues to be a highly popular activity in Middleton Hall, as an alternative day out which provides hours of free fun for the family, during the school holidays."

Three hooded men take off with teenager's bike by canal

A 17-YEAR-OLD boy was robbed of his £500 bike while walking with a friend by a canal in the city.

At about 12.15am last Tuesday, the pair were in Waterside, Pear Tree Bridge, when they were approached by three men who demanded the bike.

It was handed over and the men made off along the canal path.

The bike is a grey and black Giant mountain bike, and has a black saddle with grey lines, toe clips on the peddles, bullhorn style handle bars with a front light bracket and broken bottle holder.

The man, who took the bike from the victim, is white, 6ft, aged 19 to 20-years-old, slim, clean shaven and spoke with a local accent. He was wearing a black Nike hooded top with the hood up and grey jogging bottoms.

The other two men were black. One was 6ft, slim, aged 19 to 20-years-old, and clean shaven. He was also wearing a black Nike hooded top with the hood up and grey jogging bottoms.

The third was 5ft 11ins, aged 19 to 20-years-old, slim, and was wearing a grey hooded top with the hood up and grey jogging bottoms.

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Many things have changed

SIR - I would like to assure Paul Griffiths (Letters, MK NEWS, August 10) that a lot has changed since the Commission for New Towns managed to off load the National Bowl and Food Centre to Milton Keynes Council, and in fact since the recent Secklow Bridge debacle.

We have a new administration at the council for a start and with that we have a strong focus on financial stewardship.

I am a member of the small all-party panel scrutinising the proposal from the Homes and Communities Agency about the transfer of land assets and can state categorically that we taking into account the short and longer term known and anticipated liabilities and risks attached to the land.

We have also consulted with a number of people from the business, developer and finance community to ensure we draw in the right expertise to help to evaluate the best course of action.

As Paul states, the economy and its prospects are currently uncertain and this must be fully considered in the evaluation.

How any such deal would be financed is clearly absolutely key to the decision and will be considered alongside other investments needs for the city, not just in isolation.

Work is ongoing and detailed and no decisions will be taken until the cabinet administration have been given a full report, which will not be before October.

Councillor Edith Bald
Shenley Church End

Multiple occupancy issues

SIR - Regarding your article 'Fighting to solve HiMO tax problem' (MK NEWS, August 10), houses in Multiple Occupation (HiMOs) are a real dilemma for Milton Keynes Council and local residents.

The main problem seems to be additional parking issues – with so many adults living in one house – and potentially noise problems as many of the people living in such accommodation could be working shifts and so arriving or leaving home late at night or in the early hours.

But do – for example – six men living in a HiMO really use more council resources than a family of six living down the street and therefore should they pay more in council tax?

The two biggest areas of council spend are education and social services and the people who use these services are families – not groups of adults.

Perhaps Councillor Penelope Halton-Davis would do better to concentrate her energies in dealing with the housing crisis in Milton Keynes, rather than looking at ways of penalising further those on the bottom rung of the housing ladder.

Paul Griffiths
Sent by e-mail

Resilience in face of fire

SIR - I would like to say a big thank you to the local residents and the people of Milton Keynes for their generosity after the fire in Beanhill on August 9.

The emergency services were brilliant and the Moorlands Centre was on hand for help and support. On the night of the fire the community came out and gave help and support to the families.

We also quickly dispelled the many rumours of a imminent riot. The police kept me informed and everyone spread the word to assure people.

I wish I could thank everyone personally – well done Beanhill, I am proud to live here.

Councillor Tina El-Shabrawy
Woughton Community Council

Confusing bed loss logic

SIR - Am I alone in finding it incredible that Ward 17 at Milton Keynes Hospital is to be closed 'to prevent unnecessary waits in hospital and ensure patients are treated in the right place at the right time, with a smoother journey through the system'? (MK NEWS, August 17)

Fewer beds must surely mean fewer patients can be treated or operated on and how will this measure save £800,000 when Ward 17 staff will be deployed elsewhere within the hospital?

Perhaps Dr Milan Bhattacharya would like to detail the figures showing exactly how the saving referred to can be achieved?

Barry Southern
Sent by e-mail

Be aware of NHS cutbacks

SIR - In response to the letter 'NHS costs will have to rise' (MK NEWS, August 10), does the correspondent think savings of £20billion will improve patient services?

If the correspondent believes the money saved is going to go back into the NHS, one wonders why the huge cuts in services are being implemented in the first place.

The changes are being made, we are told, to put patients at the centre. This cannot be the case when the whole priority is financial.

Tell that to patients who now have to travel to Luton for treatment instead of getting it at our local hospital.

Tell that to patients who are being denied drugs for long-term illnesses.

Tell that to the patients who are being told to wait much longer for treatment.

Tell that to health professionals who are frustrated that they have restrictions to their clinical work.

The correspondent did not mention the deep concerns being shown by the BMA, Consultants and Specialists Association, Patients Association and even the Kings Fund, and many other expert groups that the plans do not have coherence or an end-point to the advantage of patient care. There may be consultation with the public, but it is always after actions have been taken.

The public should be made properly aware of the radical changes to the health and social services locally, before it's too late to save the hospital and social services from any more massive cuts.

Peter Ballantyne
Shenley Brook End

Patients suffer all round

SIR - The correspondent of the letter 'NHS costs will have to rise' is certainly right as far as prescription charges are concerned and then there is the trend that local services are being reduced or abolished.

The cost is increasingly being pushed on to the patient.

It has never been mentioned whether, when times improve, we will get our services back. No, in fact the reverse is the case. We are told that we have had it too good for too long.

In a further article 'Have your say on health proposals' (MK NEWS, August 10), Alan Hastings, chairman of LINk:MK, says that 'Local clinicians believe the [NHS] review is an opportunity to bring about improvements to the quality of services available and improved health outcomes for patients.'

Who are these 'clinicians'? We should be told.

Wards are being closed at Milton Keynes Hospital (MK NEWS, August 17) and the Government reforms of the National Health Service have met with opposition from within and without the NHS. A U-turn is urgently needed.

John Pinkerton
Stantonbury Fields

Thank you MK Hospital

SIR - I am an 89-year-old lady who was recently admitted to Ward 19 at Milton Keynes Hospital and then to Ward 20.

There are so many people ready to criticise the hospital through your pages, but I would just like to say a very warm thank you to everyone.

I received outstanding care and attention from all the doctors and nurses, the dinner ladies and the tea ladies. Thank you to every one of you for your wonderful care, your bedside manner and your friendship.

Jean Hudson
Sent by e-mail

Site is the wrong choice

SIR - Once again in reply to Andy Maric's letter in last week's paper, my husband and I would like to say, and I hope for the final time, that our objections are not, as Mr Maric prefers to interpret, against a travellers' site per se, but of the total destruction of a nature haven and a woodland site.

May I once again add that this woodland is totally unsuitable for any building plot for any reason whatsoever.

As we stated in our letter in MK NEWS on August 10, this land is prone to flooding and is also situated right alongside the A5D, therefore leading the way for any future development to subside and for residents on the proposed site to be right in the path of noise pollution and fumes for passing traffic.

Mr Maric, it seems, has tunnel vision when it comes to the proposed site in Simpson Road and will use any form of publicity as a chance to wave the flag for the Lib Dems so-called right to spend millions of taxpayers' money on insisting that this farce goes ahead when so many hundreds of people are against the proposal.

Our money could be spent in more beneficial ways in MK.

Janice and John Jeffery
Sent by e-mail

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Charges made in riot investigation

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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SEVEN people have now been arrested and charged in connection with the disorder that hit Milton Keynes on August 9 amid the UK-wide riots.

The majority of the trouble occurred in Bletchley, with a trail of damage done to shops in Queensway in the town but no-one was hurt in any of the incidents.

Thames Valley Police has now set up a special email address for people to send in any evidence they might have.

Superintendent Nikki Ross said: "We are appealing for the help of people who might have been in the area, who may have home CCTV systems or taken pictures on their mobile phones."

Images can be emailed to MiltonKeynesDisorder@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk.

Six of those charged appeared at Milton Keynes Magistrates' Court last week.

Spencer Layne, 23, from Monkston Park, and a 17-year-old from Bletchley who cannot be named for legal reasons, were charged with violent disorder and remanded until their next appearance on September 8.

Mahad Abdi, 22, from Netherfield, is charged with violent disorder and one count of robbery at the Golden Palace, Bletchley. He will now appear at Aylesbury Crown Court on Friday.

Paul Hanley, 24, from Peartree Bridge, 19-year-old Jake Ashby and 18-year-old Nicholas Balibuno, both from Bletchley, were all bailed until September 8 and have also been charged with violent disorder.

A 16-year-old boy, who cannot be named for legal reasons, also appeared at Youth Court yesterday charged with violent disorder, burglary non-dwelling, shoplifting and criminal damage.

He has also been charged with an unrelated offence of possession of cannabis.

Tim Scott in Queensway, Bletchley, with the leaflets he has been giving out relating to the riots

Tim off to a flyer to create more understanding

A SONGWRITER is handing out flyers calling for more understanding following the riots which devastated parts of the UK.

Twenty-two-year-old Tim Scott, aka Karizmah, produced the flyers, which carry his words and a picture by local artist Why Not Top, using his own funds, and has been handing them out to people on the street and leaving them in places such as The Equality Council in CMK.

Part of the message reads 'We as a community need to stand up and deal with the roots and issues underlying gun violence. Rioting and committing acts of aggression to protest against it, is to simply support and strengthen this vicious cycle of misunderstanding and perceived difference between peoples, leading again to violence'.

Tim, from Woburn, wants to become a youth worker and said it's important for him to get his message across.

He said: "The people who are rioting do want a voice, and we all have a responsibility for why this is happening.

"I couldn't see much happening locally to create understanding, and trying to prevent this kind of thing."

Senior cop offers thanks to the public

MILTON Keynes Area Commander, Superintendent Nikki Ross, last week wrote to the public to thank them for their help and support during the disorder in the city on August 9.

In her letter, she said it was a difficult time for the local police, and the relatively few incidents of disorder in Milton Keynes 'had the potential to escalate'.

She thanked people for using social networking websites Twitter and Facebook to, not only keep abreast of what was going on, but also update the police on information they had received and inform them of where to send resources.

Supt Ross said members of the public assisted officers in Bletchley, and helped to secure the arrest of offenders.

She added: "I have been inundated with messages of support for my officers. I have passed these on and know how important those comments and thoughts have been, especially with the long hours they have all been working.

"I also feel it is important to mention the assistance we have had from members of the Special Constabulary. These people are volunteers but have given up their time in their droves to support their colleagues on the frontline. Some have been faced with difficult circumstances but have behaved with professionalism and bravery."

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A COUNCILLOR has asked police officers to clean up horse manure themselves after receiving complaints from residents.

Isobel McCall said a number of people had complained to her over the years about manure left in Fishermead and Oldbrook.

The Liberal Democrat councillor for Campbell Park said: "I have contacted the police and suggested that the horses wear bags to catch the excrement, but the idea has been poo-pooed.

"Surely they could be used, when the horses are just out exercising, or the police officers could pick up the manure."

Mrs McCall added that European cities such as Bruges and Vienna have measures in place to combat the problem.

"I don't see why mounted police officers should be exempt from the rules that apply to everyone else," she said.

"If you drop a cigarette end or a crisp packet on the footpath or allow your dog to foul the path you can be fined, but a police horse is allowed to make a huge mess and the public are expected to accept this."

A police spokesman said: "We will of course make every effort to avoid problems but the horse manure is a by product of police patrol activity which I am sure you would not wish to see reduced."

'Distracted' driver in new year death crash spared jail

A DRIVER who lost control of his car and caused a crash which killed two of his passengers has avoided jail.

Being sentenced at Luton Crown Court on Friday, the court was told how Lawrence Charles, 27, was driving from Milton Keynes to Bletchley in the early hours of New Year's Day 2010 with four passengers in his Renault Clio.

But on the V8 Marlbourough Street at Peartree Bridge he was distracted and turned to see what was happening behind him, causing the car to hit a kerb, snake out of control and crash.

Three of the passengers were thrown from the vehicle and two of them, 20-year-old Thomas Nunes-Petts and 19-year-old Shadreck 'Shaggy' Tshuma, died at the scene.

Charles, of Lenthall Close, Bradwell, had pleaded not guilty to two charges of causing death by careless driving but was convicted by a jury at Huntingdon Crown Court last month.

He was sentenced at a different court because the trial judge had moved locations.

Judge David Farrell QC told Charles: "You were clearly distracted by the activities of your back seat passengers and looked behind you to see what they were doing.

"You should not have done so. You should have pulled over and dealt with the situation.

"The consequences were tragic. It was a truly tragic accident caused by a momentary loss of attention.

"But it is not the case that you were driving dangerously, or were drunk or driving at excessive speed or showing off.

Tom Nunes-Petts

Shadreck Tshuma

"The cause was your carelessness. You have to live with the fact that you caused the deaths of two innocent people who were looking forward to satisfying and fulfilling lives."

Charles, who was said not to have driven since, was given a nine month prison sentence suspended for two years with 250 hours unpaid work.

He was disqualified from driving for two years and ordered to pay £250 costs.

He had a previous conviction for careless driving in 2005.

Dog rescued and three treated after fires

PARAMEDICS were kept busy in the city last week after three fires in three days.

On Wednesday a man who was suffering from the effects of breathing in smoke was treated after a chip pan fire in a flat at the YMCA on North Seventh Street, Central Milton Keynes.

Two fire engines and a crew from Great Holm attended the scene.

A man was then treated for minor burns on Thursday after a fire in a bedroom on Church Hill in Two Mile Ash.

The room was 20 per cent damaged by fire and 80 per cent damaged by heat and smoke.

On Friday, four fire engines were called after a fire in a ground floor electrical cupboard in Woolmans, Fullers Slade.

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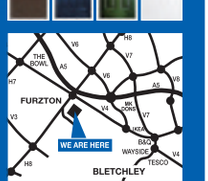

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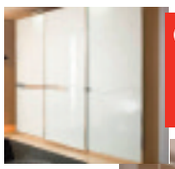

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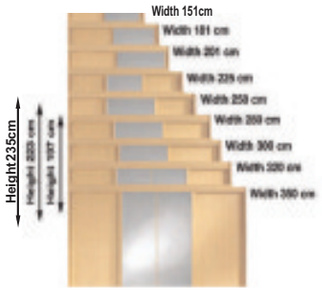

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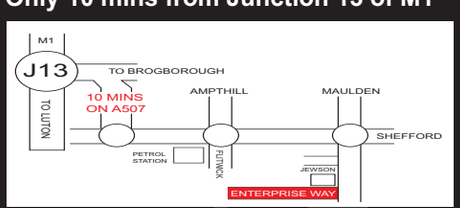

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Green light for the release of a double killer

BY HAZEL SLADE
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A CONVICTED killer could be released from a secure psychiatric hospital after serving less than eight years for a frenzied attack on a mother and son.

Gregory Davis, 33, pleaded guilty to two counts of manslaughter on the grounds of diminished responsibility for the two deaths almost a decade ago.

On January 28, 2003, with no apparent motive, Davis took a knife and a hammer to the Milton Keynes home of Dorothy Rogers, 48, and stabbed her 31 times.

Her 19-year-old son Michael tried to escape but was chased to a children's playground where Davis stabbed, bludgeoned, then disembowelled him.

A third victim, Mrs Rogers' boyfriend Mick Cowles, was seriously injured.

Afterwards, with his victims lying in pools of blood, Davis picked up his girlfriend and took her on a date.

On December 15, 2003, Davis stood trial at Luton Crown Court and pleaded guilty to manslaughter on the grounds of diminished responsibility.

Mr Justice Richard Aikens accepted the plea after a team of five psychiatrists diagnosed him with major depressive disorder, social anxiety disorder, alcohol dependence and to be suffering from a psychotic episode at the time of the crime.

He was given an indefinite sentence to be served at Broadmoor Hospital, but was later moved to the less secure Littlemore Hospital.

In 2009 MK NEWS reported on 750 people who joined a Facebook group entitled 'We are against a brutal double murderer being released into the community'.

At the beginning of the month a Mental Health Tribunal agreed, in principal, the conditional discharge for Davis, but this has not yet happened.

A Ministry of Justice spokesman said: "Mental Health Tribunals are independent judicial bodies, responsible for deciding whether it is necessary to detain or discharge restricted patients. Conditionally discharged patients are supervised in the community by a psychiatrist and a social worker.

"As well as being required to meet with mental health professionals, they also have to abide by certain conditions to ensure public safety, which may include abstaining from alcohol, or adhering to exclusion zones such as the area where the victim lives.

"They may also be recalled to a secure hospital by the Secretary of State if there is evidence of increased risk to the public."

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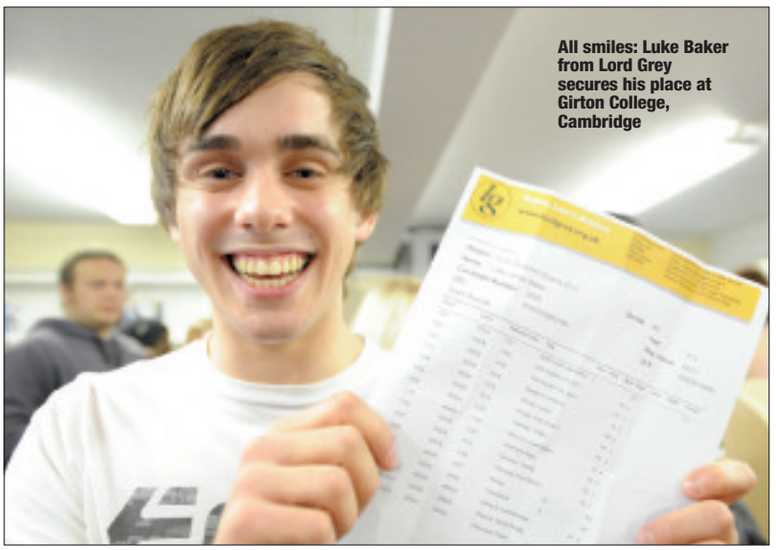
City's A-level results are a cause for much celebration

MK College student Genna King checks out her results



All smiles: Luke Baker from Lord Grey secures his place at Girton College, Cambridge

Hugs of happiness: Students at Lord Grey

BY DAN PALMER & DAN PORTER-WHITE
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THERE were cheers, smiles, hugs and even some tears when the city's A-Level students collected their results on Thursday.

Hundreds nervously opened envelopes to find out what grades they had achieved after months of hard work and exams.

The provisional results received so far, which still need to be validated, show the pass rate, or those with grades A* to E, overall for Milton Keynes schools is 98 per cent, compared to 97.8 per cent nationally.

Councillor Andy Dransfield, cabinet member for children and young people, said: "The achievements show that our local schools are giving our young people a firm foundation for future study, training or employment."

At the Hazeley Academy on Emperor Drive, it was A-Level results day for the first time in its history.

Seventeen-year-old Thomas Johnson, known as TJ, is off to Winchester University to study Sport Coaching Development after his successful results which included a B in PE, an A in Classics, and an A in Ancient History.

TJ, who is the U19 British Trampolining Champion, won a £4,000 scholarship to study at the university.

He said: "It went a lot better than expected.

"I didn't get much sleep last night.

"I set my alarm for eight and tried to get on the UCAS website in the morning but it crashed."

Meanwhile, Milton Keynes College's sixth form, MK6, celebrated its highest ever pass rate. Ninety-seven per cent of second year A-Level students achieved passes.

Duncan Lovell, head of MK6, said: "This is up another per cent from last year's excellent results."

Lord Grey School in Bletchley's pass rate at A2 and A level equivalency stands at 99.5 per cent, up from 98.4 per cent last year, Ouesdale School in Newport Pagnell exceeded the 900 average points score per candidate

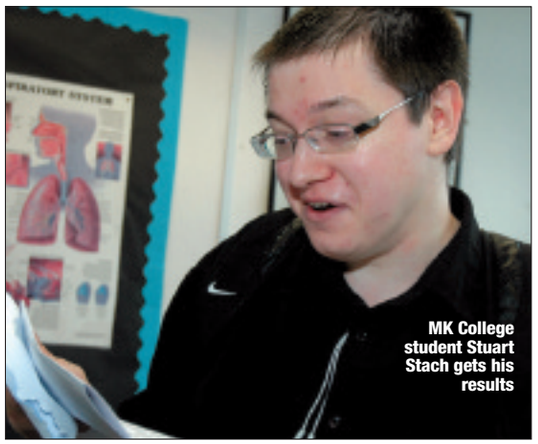
Delight: Denbigh students with their results

benchmark for the fifth year in a row and the Radcliffe School in Wolverton celebrated record results for a third straight year, with 54 per cent achieving A to B grades.

Luke Baker, who studied at Leon School for years seven to 11 and then transferred to Lord Grey School for his A levels, has got in to Girton College, Cambridge, to read Natural Sciences.

He needed a A in Chemistry to secure his place and only got a B, but after speaking on the phone with Cambridge they decided to let him in.

Luke, 18, said: "I think the A* in Biology tipped it for me."



MK College student Stuart Stach gets his results

Lord Grey students study their results, *left*, while Hazeley students, *above*, celebrate their grades

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Planning chiefs take the plunge over pool

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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AFTER years of campaigning, a town will finally get its new year-round swimming pool.

Plans for the 25-metre pool in Wolverton were given the green light by Milton Keynes Council's development control committee on Thursday night.

Sited on Aylesbury Street, where the open air pool is currently located, the facility will also boast a state-of-the-art health and fitness gym and a new car park.

Work is now expected to start in November, with the new pool due to open in spring 2013.

Ward councillor Mike Galloway has welcomed the plans, but says the development is tinged with sadness as the famous open air pool will have to be replaced.

He said: "At long last I'm glad to see that the pool is actually moving ahead.

"I'm sad that the outdoor pool has to go, but to be finantially viable the pool needs to be open all year round."

Also approved on Thursday night were plans for a temporary access road, which will be used by construction vehicles entering and exiting the building site.

Making a splash: The new-look pool in Wolverton will also boast a state-of-the-art gym and is expected to open in spring 2013

The road, which will be fenced off, will cut across part of the Western Road recreation ground and will be open for the duration of the construction.

As part of the conditions on granting the road plans, councillors asked for an assessment to be carried out as to where manned pedestrian crossings can be placed to enable schoolchildren and others to cross safely.

Also granted at Thursday night's meeting was a time extension for work to start on a controversial nursing home in Woburn Sands.

The applicants now have until August 2012 to start the conversion of Greens Hotel, in Russell Street, into a 50-bed home, despite 57 letters of objection submitted to the council.

The original application was refused in 2008, but granted at appeal in 2009.

A community shop in Sherington was also given the go-ahead.

Duo unhappy over plan for mausoleum

BY HAZEL SLADE
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FEARS have been raised that plans to erect a mausoleum at a cemetery could 'disturb the tranquillity' and 'attract antisocial behaviour'.

An application for the building – which can be used as a monument or a burial chamber – at Selbourne Avenue Cemetery, in Bletchley, is due to go before Milton Keynes Council's Development Control Panel tomorrow.

The plan was put in by Cemetery Developments, although the facility is council owned.

A spokesman for Milton Keynes Council said that, if agreed, the management of the mausoleum would be controlled by the staff at Crownhill Crematorium in order to fulfill guidelines.

He said: "The application was put in independently of the council by a company representing the local Italian community.

"We have recently had a consultation on a new cemetery land use strategy which considered whether council cemeteries, and in particular Selbourne Avenue cemetery, should be used for such memorialisation. This process is not yet complete."

The decision on the final Cemetery Land Use Strategy is due to be made next month.

An architect's impression of the proposed mausoleum at Selbourne Avenue Cemetery

However, two objections have been made by members of the public to the mausoleum plans.

In an email commenting on the application, Christine Ashby said: "As an allotment holder, the views over to the Brickhills are beautiful and uninterrupted by any building.

"Erecting any building would change the character of the area, disturb the tranquillity and would be an attraction to antisocial behaviour.

"If a need for a mausoleum was identified, why was it not incorporated into the recent developments at Crownhill, which would be a more fitting environment?"

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'NHS review will protect services'

FOLLOWING MK NEWS' exclusive story about the NHS Acute Service Review, we have been running a series of expert insights.

The review, which is taking place across the region, may lead to some patients having to travel to get the care they have been receiving at Milton Keynes Hospital.

This week, Martin Wetherill, the hospital's medical director, *pictured right*, tells us what he thinks.

"UNDERSTANDABLY patients feel protective of their local services, so the prospect of change can seem alarming.

The people of Milton Keynes fought hard to secure a hospital and we, the health community including GP services, community services and social services, are fully committed to keeping the hospital providing cost effective and high quality treatments, as it does so now.

But quality standards for all services continue to rise resulting in ever more specialisation.

For smaller and medium sized district general hospitals, it becomes very costly to provide some services, to the required standards, on site. It makes sense, therefore, to look to our neighbours to combine certain services.

You will all be aware of the £20billion which the health service is seeking in efficiency improvements. We need to use our limited finances in the most effective way.

Through this review, we will be looking at our services and seeing if any can be offered more safely, effectively, and with improved quality by working with some of our neighbouring hospitals.

Our main driver is raising the quality of the standards of care that we provide and in some cases this will involve shared care with our neighbours.

This review is a huge process, and we are still in the early stages. In Milton Keynes Hospital, clinicians are currently looking at the way they deliver their services and this will dove-tail into the review of hospitals. By mid-September, we should have a clearer idea of which clinical areas the review will cover.

We then plan to ask for patients', public and staff views on the options. Feedback will be used to develop the proposals which will be subject to formal public consultation.

So we have to change. But change doesn't have to mean cuts, it can simply mean finding better ways of doing things.

Through this review, by bringing the ideas of clinicians and patients together, we can find a way of protecting services for future generations, while improving quality and safety.

I realise that this may cause some uncertainty in the short term, but the potential benefits – and risks from doing nothing – mean that this is something we must work on together."

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Town's heritage is given a safeguard

BY DANIEL PORTER-WHITE
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HISTORIC landmarks dating back to the 19th century have been restored to their former glory after previously being deemed unsafe.

The Lychgate and the Ecclesiastical Cross in the cemetery in Stony Stratford were looking neglected until the Stony Stratford Futures Group (SSFG) renovated them on behalf of the community.

In 1870 local young architect Edward Swinlen Harris was commissioned to design and build a cemetery for St Mary's Church in East Wolverton Parish, now in Stony Stratford, which included the two landmarks, but in recent years they have fallen into disrepair.

Ray Cobley, who headed the project, said: "Renovating the artefacts should make them good for 100 years.

"The landmarks are part of the heritage of the town, and it was relevant to restore them for the town and community."

Local tradesmen and members of the community helped out with the project, which took more than three-and-a-half years to complete.

SPICK AND SPAN: Stony Stratford Cemetery after the refurbishment

The cross had been fenced up by Milton Keynes Council and while SSFG were working they discovered the grave of a 11-year-old boy, who died in 1901.

The Ecclesiastical Cross is still the originally erected artefact, with just the foundations having been reset as well as being given a good clean, and the Lychgate has been restored with materials that were originally used.

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Cleaner locked up after nursery theft

BY HAZEL SLADE
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A MAN who helped himself to almost £6,000 from a nursery and stole lead from an upper school has been put behind bars.

Aser Blackman, 20, pleaded guilty at Bedford Magistrates' Court last month to taking the money from Cherry Tree Nursery, in West Road, Cranfield, by falsely refunding money through a chip and pin machine.

When returning to court last Tuesday, Blackman, of Downs Barn, Milton Keynes, also admitted taking up to 40 lead slates belonging to Ousedale School, in Newport Pagnell – the day after he originally appeared before the magistrates.

The cleaner – who transferred £5,900 from the nursery into his own and other bank accounts on four separate occasions days after starting work at the children's centre in January – also admitted another theft of four cans of Stella just five days after his first court appearance.

Prosecuting, Camille Giffard said: "It came to the attention of the nursery manager because the company which owns the chip and pin phoned saying it couldn't match up the transactions to sales. Clearly this is a breach of trust."

Jailed: Aser Blackman who stole cash from a nursery

Blackman admitted all the offences, but claims he did not steal the lead from Ousedale School's roof but picked it up from outside after receiving a Facebook message telling him it was there.

Defending Blackman, Carolyn Evans said: "He actually took the cleaning job in the belief that it would help him financially. But because of the travel and the limited hours, he gave in to temptation.

"At that time he had a significant crack cocaine habit.

"He is extremely remorseful. He now realises it would have had an impact on the children attending the nursery."

Blackman was given 20 weeks behind bars at a young offenders institute.

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Fears raised over parish budget cut

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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'AROUND £100,000' could be lost from a parish council's budget if its boundaries change.

That is the worry of councillors at Campbell Park Parish Council, after it was recommended that part of the area within their parish be transferred to two other councils.

As part of a 'community governance review' by Milton Keynes Council, it has been recommended that the Campbell Park grid square, bounded by the Grand Union Canal to the east and the V8 Marlborough Street to the west, be transferred to the Central Milton Keynes parish.

The Willen section of the parish, including Willen Village, could also transfer to the Great Linford Parish.

One Campbell Park councillor, Isabella Fraser, has said this could cause a big problem as revenue from council tax will be lost, meaning poorer areas such as Fishermead, which is part of the same parish, will have less financial support.

"The problem is we will lose about £100,000 of income," she said. "Although it should be spent in the wards it is generated in, often the wealthiest sections of a parish will support the less wealthy.

Campbell Park parish council office on Fishermead with Councillor Isabella Fraser, inset

"The money is used across the parish and Fishermead being the area with greatest need often gets more than others."

She also feels the demographic mix of the parish will be upset, and fears this could 'ghettoise' places like Fishermead. John Moffoot, Milton Keynes Council's assistant director of democratic services, said: "We've been reviewing parishes for four or five years because, as Milton Keynes develops, we need to look at the local governance arrangements."

A decision is expected to be made later in the year.

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Pupils Bury a time capsule at school

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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STUDENTS at one of the city's longest established schools have buried a time capsule to mark the end of an era.

In September, Bury Lawn School, in Stantonbury Fields, will reopen as The Webber Independent School and to celebrate 40 years of its history was buried. The capsule included artwork, photos, memories, a school badge and a DVD of the new prospectus.

Councillor Debbie Brock, ex-mayor and former Bury Lawn student, also provided a private school photo from 1978, which includes her husband Peter Geary, as well as brother-in-law and leader of the council, Andrew Geary. The picture was copied and added to the capsule.

A tree, donated by The Parks Trust, will be planted in October to mark the unique spot.

The time capsule, decorated by students, is expected to be unearthed in 2051.

Digging in: New principal Sue Vig was joined by vice-principal Hilary Marsden and pupils to help preserve memories of Bury Lawn School

New principal Sue Vig said: "We are extremely conscious of respecting the school's history and preserving its memory within the local community. The time capsule is a perfect way to remember Bury Lawn and all it has achieved."

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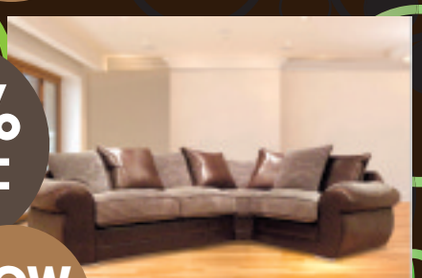

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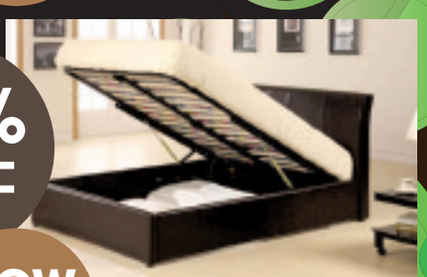

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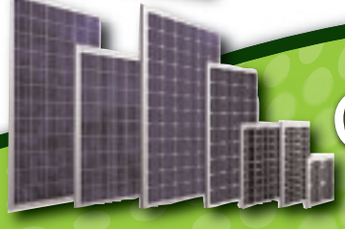

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Bhavesh, an optometrist, opened the Specsavers in Bletchley in October 2000, moving from another opticians in Milton Keynes. Ekta then joined her husband in the business on September 2004, and at the same time they opened another store in Leighton Buzzard.

Mrs Kotecha says: 'Bhavesh is the optician in our house and I'm the business woman. I joined Specsavers to assist with the running of the Bletchley store but as soon as I arrived we had an opportunity to open a store in Leighton Buzzard. I knew that with Bhavesh's experience at Bletchley we could make a success of both.

'Working as a director in two stores means that we are able to promote staff from both stores and help them progress. We recently promoted one of our dispensing opticians Stefano De Leo to a store manager role.'

Located at 110 Queensway, the Bletchley store employs nine full-time members of staff and offers a range of services including digital retinal screening for free as part of an eye examination.

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As well as optical services the store also supports the local community, including raising vital funds for Guide Dogs, which help the blind and partially sighted. Since opening, the store has also encouraged customers to bring in their old specs to be recycled and used in other countries, where opticians are not on every high street.

Mr. Kotecha says: 'We often take eyecare for granted in this country but the Vision Aid Overseas collection bins in the store allow us to give something back to people in other countries.'

Bhavesh and Ekta are looking forward to celebrating another anniversary at Specsavers in Bletchley with more opportunities for staff and offering more to the local community.

Mrs Kotecha adds: '2012 will be an even better year with a number of store improvements, including an on-site glasses glazing lab. Watch this space because we're keen to invest in the store and provide more to benefit everyone in the local community.'

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Carnival raises £10,000 for hospital equipment

THIS year's tenth Summer Carnival in West Bletchley proved another hit with residents after £10,000 was raised.

The event on June 11, planned and organised by West Bletchley Council, enjoyed record attendance figures as many of those people dug deep and contributed to this year's chosen charity, Bletchley Community Hospital League of Friends.

Veronica Belcher, chairman of West Bletchley Council, handed over the big cheque to Bryan Clarkson, chairman of the League of Friends.

The money will be used to purchase much needed equipment for the hospital, making a real difference to patients.

Ms Blecher said: "We are delighted to support such a dedicated and hardworking group of volunteers at the Bletchley Community Hospital League of Friends."

Veronica Belcher, chairman of West Bletchley Council, is pictured handing over the cheque to Bryan Clarkson, chairman of the League of Friends, and staff

Teenagers get SET for adult life

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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AN innovative government-backed youth National Citizen Service project has been praised by a city MP.

Thirty-five 16 to 18-year-olds have been actively involved in an eight-week team building and personal challenges programme, with activities ranging from making anti-racism music videos to running community fun days.

The National Citizen Service (NCS) scheme is an initiative from MK Dons Sport and Education Trust (SET), promoting a more cohesive and responsible society by mixing participants of different backgrounds and by supporting the transition into adulthood for young people.

It also aims to enable young people to work together to create 'social action projects' in their communities.

Milton Keynes North MP Mark Lancaster said: "I was so impressed by the young people.

"To take on projects such as renovating underpasses and organising community days shows not only maturity, but a real dedication to the areas in which they live."

Mr Lancaster met the group at stadiummk during one of their regular planning sessions and heard about the impact being part of NCS has had on individuals and communities in Milton Keynes.

Team Leaders from The Youth Service, Community Action:MK and SET were also there to meet him and talk about their positive experiences of working with the group this year.

Through its activities, NCS has been making a contribution to city communities, working with schools, youth services and others to create a more cohesive and responsible society.

For more information, visit www.mkdonsset.com

Thousands watch park flicks

CROWDS poured into Campbell Park at the weekend for sun, fun and outdoor cinema at the fourth Milton Keynes Open Air Film Festival.

On Friday, more than 100 cars lined up for The Parks Trust's first drive-in movie, Ghostbusters, and following this there were two themed days of free films.

Saturday saw 2,000 sci-fi fans enjoying Avatar, ET and Back to the Future, and on 'Smooth Sunday', more than 3,000 people took advantage of the warm summer weather to watch Toy Story, Shrek, Twilight and South Pacific.

Julie Dawes, The Parks Trust's events coordinator, said: "There's nothing quite like watching a film in the fresh air and we're very grateful to the thousands of people who came to Campbell Park and helped to create such a brilliant atmosphere at our Film Festival this year.

"In these cash-strapped times it's great to be able to offer fantastic free family entertainment and bring communities together for such a fun event. We'd love to hear your suggestions for what you'd like to see next year. Please post on our Facebook page or email your suggestions to events@theparkstrust.com."

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Panto role made good impression

BY HAZEL SLADE
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BRITAIN'S Got Talent finalist Paul Burling will be heading to the city this festive season to play Wishee Washee in this year's panto Aladdin.

The impressionist, who came fifth in the popular TV talent show in 2010 with his comedy routines, has been picked to play the role of Aladdin's cheeky, lovable brother.

Paul will be taking to the stage at Milton Keynes Theatre throughout December and January alongside TV's Pop Idol star Gareth Gates.

For Paul, who is particularly known for his Harry Hill impression, this is his 15th pantomime and the third time he will be playing Wishee Washee.

He said: "Pantos are great fun because it's Christmas time and it's great incorporating the impressions into the play. It gives it a different angle."

It all started many years ago for Paul and he explained: "Even at primary school I was doing impressions.

"I've always been able to mimic people. The rest all happened by accident really. I went to work in a holiday park in Great Yarmouth in 1988 working in the kitchen.

"I started doing impressions and got noticed by the entertainments manager."

When asked what it was like making it to the finals of Britain's Got Talent, Paul said: "It sounds like a cliche but I never expected to go that far.

"I just thought I'd give it a bash. I've been doing it for years, so had nothing to lose. It was a great opportunity."

But this panto is particularly special for Paul, who was born in Hitchin and grew up in Royston.

He added: "It's very exciting because my partner is from Milton Keynes. She's got family and friends in the area that I know. I'm really looking forward to it."

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Parishes search for chairmen

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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THE city's two newest parishes have been created – but both are looking for a chairman.

Last Tuesday night the inaugural meetings of the Fairfields and Whitehouse parishes were convened, but as no residents living within those areas attended no chairman for either could be chosen.

Formally part of Calverton parish to the north-west of Milton Keynes, the two new parishes were created in February and encompass the rural areas to the west of the V4 Watling Street.

It is envisioned that as development takes place as part of the western expansion area, new parish councils will be formed to represent the views of the people who will eventually move there.

But for now, each parish has a vacancy for a chairman. Eligible candidates need to currently live in the parish area, but beyond that anyone can apply.

Milton Keynes Council's assistant director of democratic services John Moffoot said: "We have to find two people prepared to act as parish meeting chairman, who will hold two parish meetings per year.

"They would also be consulted in the same way as other parishes on things such as planning, and they could call special parish meetings to discuss those if they wish.

"They would speak on behalf of existing residents and those still to come, and their views would be taken into account by Milton Keynes Council or the Homes and Communities Agency when they make their decisions on planning and other issues."

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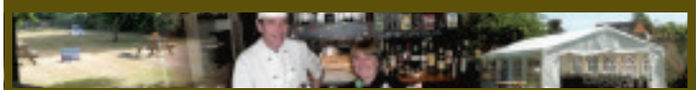

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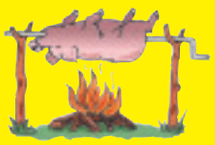

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Last year's Christmas Festival at Bletchley Park

Festival set to be a Christmas cracker

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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YES, it is only August, but already one Christmas festival is being prepared after its huge success last year.

You may well still be enjoying the sunshine but West Bletchley Council and Bletchley Park are now preparing for the return of their Festival of Christmas.

Saturday and Sunday, December 10 and 11, are dates for your diaries as the big two-day event makes a welcome return to the calendar, with plans in place to make 2011 even better and more memorable for those attending. Markets, food and drink, Santa's Grotto, a skate rink, music and entertainment, children's activities courtesy of the Play Rangers, snow toboggan, a fairground, lantern launch on the lake, and not to mention snow, snow, snow, will all make a reappearance, with more attractions still to be confirmed.

Gennaro Corrado, culture and events officer for West Bletchley Council, said: "The feedback we had for 2010 was unbelievable, so we are only too happy to get things moving for this year.

"We hope that even more will attend and enjoy another great Christmas." Last year saw more than 12,000 visitors enter the grounds of Bletchley Park, with a large amount taking advantage of the hugely successful free voucher scheme which the council will be running again, with more news to be announced at a later date.

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School is not only a place of learning in terms of academia, but also in the social sense.

School is an important part of your child's life, as they learn to mix with their peers and to make friends. Ask about the facilities such as after school care.

Speaking to the local authority helps too. League tables and exam results can give you a good reflection of the performance of a school. Asking children who already go to a particular school is a good way to get a grasp of what pupils think. It is surprising how unbiased and informative children can be. Observe how teachers react with their pupils and if you can, don't hesitate to speak to parents who are picking their children up at the end of the day.

If you explain your reasoning for asking they will be more likely to help, as they too will have been in the same situation.

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Innovation is Key in College's New Build

Milton Keynes College's stunning new Technical Learning Centre opens to students this September and is set to be the envy of colleges across the UK. .

The £6.3million building project has transformed the former Cottesloe School building into a state-of-the-art vocational learning centre for its engineering, construction, manufacturing and public services students.

Designed by Archial Architects, the Centre has 5,200 m2 of facilities, including eight open-plan workshops, bays for plumbing, gas training, welding, and carpentry, 16 classrooms, and two internal courtyard construction sites where students will be able to build an entire two-storey house.

As part of the Centre's innovative design brief, the structure has been fitted with floor-to -ceiling fireproof glass panels, enabling students and workshops to be viewed from several different aspects. Elsewhere on site, classrooms will also have glass 'walls' so tutors and students at work are highly visible.

Mark Eustace, Project Director said: "The interlinked curriculum areas are designed so that students from the different disciplines can work alongside each other seamlessly," Mark added. "It's an amazing place to learn."

There has been substantial investment in cutting-edge equipment, including a prototyper to create 3D models of students' designs. The College also took delivery of £200,000 of the very latest in engineering equipment, including two CNC (Computer Numerical Control) machines, one of which can make high precision engineering parts. The engineering workshop also boasts a Flexible Manufacturing System, made up of six stations including a 6-axis robotic cell.

"We collaborated with local businesses not only to source the machines, but also to help us decide on the type of kit we needed to give our students the most comprehensive, up-to-date training," said Gavin Cross, Head of Engineering, Construction & Motor Vehicle at Milton Keynes College.

Rob Jones, Vice Principal for Business Development & Marketing, added: "We've taken a creative approach to redevelop this site to accommodate our huge investment in engineering and manufacturing machinery…We have been delighted to work with Milton Keynes Council to create a very modern learning environment which will be a tremendous asset for the College and the city's future."

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Hazeley–The Academy that Means Business

On July 1st 2011, the high-achieving Hazeley School on the western flank of Milton Keynes was notified by the Department for Education that it had successfully converted to become The Hazeley Academy. They celebrated with one of their now quite renowned "business breakfasts".

Breakfast at Hazeley

Hazeley's business breakfasts are fast becoming the place to be for early morning networking in MK. In true Hazeley style, these events are always expertly planned and wonderfully hosted by their senior students. On this auspicious day, guests from over 20 local and regional organisations enjoyed a breakfast spread courtesy of Hazeley's resident caterers, Cucina ™.

The setting was the impressive 'Hazeley Pavilion' (inset), also available for evening, weekend and holiday hiring; with its training kitchen, restaurant space and with a raised pavilion decking looking out onto the fields. Downstairs you find the air-conditioned 'International Conference Room' for up to 25 delegates as well as changing facilities for outdoor sports.

The full-English and continental breakfast was served by year 10 & 11 GCSE catering students; their second function in only a few weeks – they had very recently prepared and served a full afternoon tea for the senior residents of Lovat Fields; an organisation with whom The Hazeley work very closely. Yet other students set the background atmosphere with live piano. A key purpose for these meetings is to allow invited local and regional business representatives time to network with each other and in particular for all to consider how their organisations might work with the increasingly independent, secondary and primary education sector in Milton Keynes.

At this opening of The Hazeley Academy, Principal, Mark Bennison,pictured here, spoke briefly about the evolution of the Academy; the outstanding early success and the record-breaking results that have been engineered since first the school opened in late 2005. He also spoke about a highly ambitious vision for the future. This is a future where, in a fast-changing educational landscape, the Academy plans to work far more in collaboration with others – across all sectors.

Principal, Mark Bennison

Strong, new partnerships are well underway; with other schools(primary and secondary), with the local authority, with higher education and critically with local, regional and national businesses. – Mark summarised:

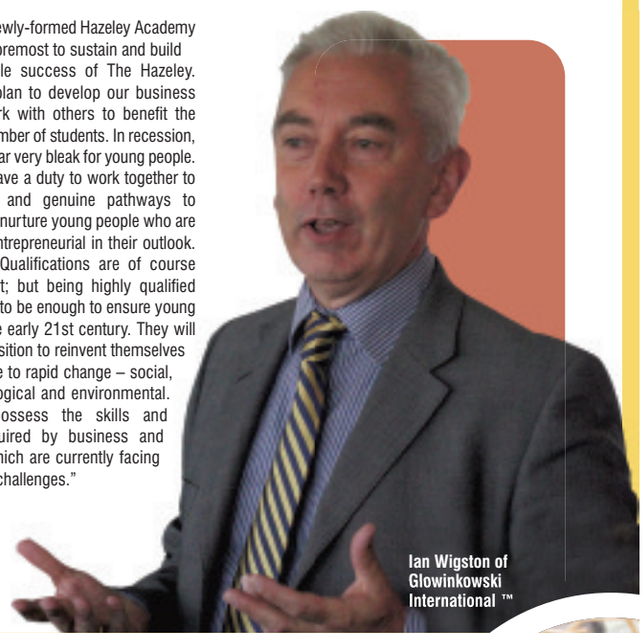
"Our aim, as the newly-formed Hazeley Academy Trust, is first and foremost to sustain and build upon the incredible success of The Hazeley. Beyond that, we plan to develop our business model and to work with others to benefit the largest possible number of students. In recession, the future can appear very bleak for young people. I believe that we have a duty to work together to offer them hope and genuine pathways to success. We must nurture young people who are enterprising and entrepreneurial in their outlook.

He concluded: "Qualifications are of course critically important; but being highly qualified alone is not going to be enough to ensure young people thrive in the early 21st century. They will need to be in a position to reinvent themselves quickly in esponse to rapid change – social, economic,technological and environmental. They need to possess the skills and competences required by business and industry - all of which are currently facing their own survival challenges."

Mark went on to introduce the keynote speaker for this business breakfast – Ian Wigston of Glowinkowski International ™; pictured here.

Ian spoke on the subject of 'Crafting Confidence' – an innovative project based around the critical behaviours in life and leadership that bring success.

This work is being piloted across a number of schools and Academies in the state and private sector, including The Hazeley; with Academy leaders, teachers and students.



Ian Wigston of Glowinkowski International ™

Open Evening: The Hazeley Academy

Open Evening this year for The Hazeley Academy is on **Thursday 6th October 2011 – from 5:45pm – 8:15pm.** The Principal, Mr Mark Bennison, will talk about the Academy, its offer and the outstanding past and current results at both Key Stage 4 and 5 that has The Hazeley retain its position as one of the highest performing schools in Milton Keynes. Mark presents on three occasions during the evening; at 6:15pm, 6:45pm and 7:15pm. Prospective parents and students, currently in year 6, will have the opportunity to view the state of the art buildings and facilities. Visitors will also be able to see The Hazeley Academy at work, meeting and existing students.

If you are not a parent or carer of a year 6 student but would nevertheless like to find out more about The Hazeley Academy or perhaps as a local business person you might like an invitation to a future business breakfast or other event, you are invited to make contact with the Principal's PA, Ms Kerry Marchant on kmarchant@hazeley.milton-keynes.sch.uk

If you are interested in hiring the Pavilion or any other part of the site, please contact the Business Director, Jo Wright on jwright@hazeley.milton-keynes.sch.uk

"Why, sometimes I've believed as many as six impossible things before breakfast." – Lewis Carroll

Crafting Confidence

For the next generation to thrive in our fast-changing, information age; self knowledge, social assurance and the capacity to be enterprising will be as indispensable as being well qualified – if not more so.

Over the past two years The Hazeley has worked in close collaboration with a variety of experts in their field and all to support their work in raising standards of leadership, teaching, learning and achievement.

Most recently, they have begun some exciting work with Third Wave ™ - transformational consultant leaders in schools with an exemplary track record of successful programmes that support the raising of standards of teaching and learning in those schools. Excited by this evolving link, The Hazeley Academy is now working on this in close collaboration with two of the new primary academies from whom many of their students are drawn each year.

For some time now The Hazeley has also enjoyed a strong and productive relationship with the internationally distinguished team of leadership consultants and coaches,Glowinkowski International™. Some of the work with this organisation that has been piloted with groups of leaders, teachers and students has generated a good deal of interest both within and beyond Milton Keynes. Indeed, the Principal was joined by Ian Wigston from Glowinkowski ™ when he was invited to present some of their exciting work in showcase presentations at last year's SSAT (Specialist Schools and Academies Trust) conference in Birmingham and this year's iNet conference in Michigan, USA.

In this project, Glowinkowski ™ are bringing high-impact work that they conduct routinely with leadership teams in the corporate sector into the world of education. This has meant that school leaders, teachers and senior students are already benefiting from some pioneering, pilot work in professional, personal and social development. This coaching work is built around a tried-and-tested psychometric framework known as the Glowinkowski Predisposition Indicator (GPI) – a tool that details, for those who take part, how they are predisposed to behave in different situations. This then allows them to explore, with a coach, how best to play to their strengths and also to work effectively when outside of their 'comfort zones'. Hazeley's Principal Boy and Principal Girl, Myles and Ella, pictured here, and who also hosted their recent Business Breakfast, spoke extremely highly of the Glowinkowski ™ pilot work. As Myles pointed out: "Iam learning a great deal about myself and what I am really like. I found the whole day really interesting and enjoyable".

A number of other year 12 students report that they are now busy including their own response to the GPIas part of their personal statement for UCAS, University applications. Similar work has been done at The Hazeley, in the professional development of the leadership team and also in the training, as coaches, of many of their most exceptional classroom practitioners; with the sole purpose of them then going on to coach other teachers

towards outstanding teaching.

Early results of both of these programmes have been really encouraging if a recent Ofsted subject inspection of the history department is anything to go by. Teaching & learning, leadership & management, the curriculum - indeed the overall effectiveness of the department was judged as outstanding just over a month ago. Members of this team, including their exceptional Director of Global Citizenship, Henry Gowney-Hedges, are amongst those who have benefited from these unique collaborations with both Glowinkowski ™ and Third Wave ™ .

Hazeley the Academy of Choice

Offered, primarily, in the highest performing, fee-paying private schools, the first Milton Keynes sixth-form students ever to achieve the highly-acclaimed International Baccalaureate Diploma celebrated their well-deserved success this month.

The Hazeley are keen to live up to one of their strap lines - to be the 'Academy of choice' - opening up the curriculum so that students are able to choose, at key stages 4 and 5 from the broadest range of subjects. At GCSE and at A level - from psychology to law, from hospitality & catering to photography, from philosophy & ethics to forensic science; the choice is simply vast. The Hazeley firmly believe that to narrow learner choice is to disenfranchise young people as far as their learning is concerned. As part of this commitment to a broad and rich curriculum offer, The Hazeley Academy is currently the only educational establishment in the Milton Keynes to offer the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP) to 16-19 year old students and the first ever sixth-formers in the city to complete the IBDP recently achieved some outstanding results – in line with some of the highest achieving private and public school sixth forms across the country and indeed across many continents.

A number of their students achieved up to more than 500 UCAS points – the equivalent of four or more A-level 'A' grades. IB student, Jennifer Miles is pictured here with Vice Principal & IB teacher, Rod Boswell and IB coordinator (Assistant Director of Sixth Form), Julia Smith. Jennifer achieved the equivalent of close to 400 UCAS points – the A level equivalent of more than three A grades. Thrilled at her achievement, Jennifer commented: "I am so happy to have passed the IB diploma. It was challenging but has been well worth it as I got into my first choice university. I would recommend studying this course at the Hazeley Academy" The International Baccalaureate Diploma is a globally renowned programme of A level standard and higher – recognised as an outstanding preparation for entry into the top Universities in the UK,across Europe, the USA, Africa and the Pacific. Studying the IB, students do not limit themselves to three or four choices.

They all study English literature, mathematics, the sciences, humanities, a modern foreign or ancient language as well as an additional option from a creative subject. Alongside this they study the Theory of Knowledge and engage in accredited work in Creativity, Action and Service. Those year 11 students not happy at the thought of dropping subjects they enjoy or those thinking perhaps about studying abroad are heading to The Hazeley Academy Sixth Form in large numbers to study the IB. This programme, now in its third year, runs alongside their extensive A level and vocational learning programmes offered to their growing sixth form. For families where there is a student in years 9-11 and one who is likely to achieve five or more GCSE grades including English and mathematics at grade B or higher, the IBDP could be for them. If they are likely to find it really difficult to chose between the arts and sciences, between humanities and languages, they need struggle no more; the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme, an increasingly popular choice, is open to students already at The Hazeley Academy and also to those from schools and Academies across the city and beyond. Indeed, they have welcomed IBDP students who have recently arrived from schools and colleges in Germany and Greece..

Hazeley: The Highest of Standards-with a Human Face

With the recent examination results at both key stage 4 & 5 just published, The Hazeley Academy retains its position as one of the highest performing secondary schools in Milton Keynes.

Indeed, the rate of student progress from when they arrive to when they leave places the Academy in the top 10% of all schools nationally. But there is no social cost in achieving and maintaining these high standards.

The Hazeley chalked up an impressive 99.4% pass rate for its first ever set of key stage 5 (A level & IBDP) results last week (and over three quarters of these were at the highest grades).

However, high though the standards at The Hazeley clearly are, visitors new to the Academy most frequently comment on the prevailing atmosphere in the building. The Hazeley always comes across as being an incredibly happy school.

Hazeley's ethos is clearly one of first building strong relationships; on making sure young people feel safe, respected as individuals and are both happy and ready to learn. Upon these firm foundations and with very strong and clearly shared core values, they build an ambitious vision for the Academy and for the students that pass through it every day. Young people simply thrive and the track record of results demonstrates this.

Annual staff turnover is very low. There is a genuine sense of loyalty to this community of learners. Everyone pulls together. And alongside both the Trustees and the Board of Directors, chaired by Edna Treacher, staff work selflessly in support of the Academy – with a well-earned pride, a visionand a passion.

You are invited to share in the unique experience that is The Hazeley Academy – the website (www.hazeley.milton-keynes.sch.uk) will give you a flavour of where they are, what they do and where they are heading. The prospectuses (lower school, sixth form and IBDP) alongside their three year vision can also be viewed here, as can recent staff blogs and newsletters. However, a visit is worth much more than anything a website can offer.

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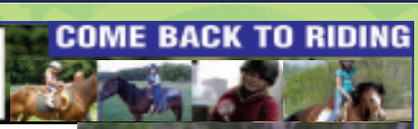

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The survery of more than 2,000 adults last year found that in excess of 8.4million people have switched careers in the previous three years and a further 3.2million intended to do so in the year after. Money was a deciding factor in 2/5 of respondents.

Even if you are trying to get back into the same field of work as you were in before, it is still a good idea to gain more skills.

Training courses are run at colleges, universities, private course providers, advice centres and adult education centres.

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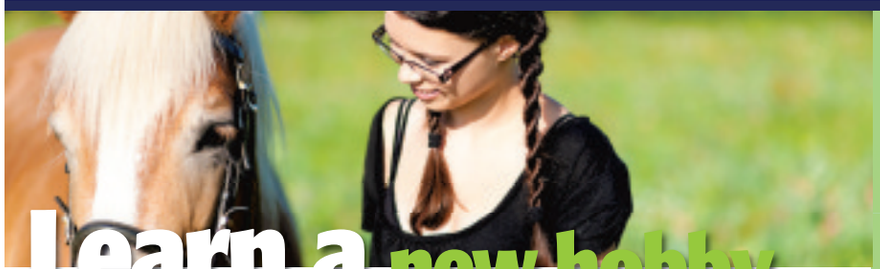

Learn a new hobby

THE summer is a great time to pick up a hobby, so get outdoors and enjoy the sunlight while learning a new activity.

Many people had a passion as a child, but when we settle down with a family that passion can get lost, so now is the perfect opportunity to rekindle those childhood loves. Here are a few ideas:

Horse riding is a very popular hobby with many celebrities, and Bryerley Springs Farm and Loughton Manor Equestrian Centre offer riding lessons for those looking to get in the saddle.

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We all have an instrument that we've always wanted to play, and Rock Hard Music offer great expert advice and instruments for you to buy, whether a learner or a seasoned rock god.

While playing your new instrument, you might want to learn singing as well to set up your own one-man band, and Singers MK is a great place to practice to warm up the vocal chords.

Many of us have been swimming before but for all the people out there who can't swim, Little Turtles is here to help.

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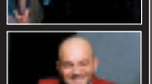

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SIMON **DARNELL**

COLLIDE

Leona Lewis/Avicii

AS UNLIKELY as it may seem, this music column reached its 13th birthday yesterday.

It's a teenager now and probably a moody and confused one at that.

Mind you, I'm not sure it's an altogether encouraging sign that this it is also the 666th column.

Pure coincidence, I say.

So anyway, I do music reviews, not satanic messages, so I might as well write about something I heard.

Now then, I don't know about you, but I can't decide whether this is one song, two songs in one or three songs in one.

Firstly, there's Perpetuum Mobile by the Penguin CafÈ Orchestra, which was sampled extensively and used in Avicii's Penguin, which was then, and what's the polite way to say it, forced into a shotgun marriage with Leona Lewis' Collide.

So much so in fact, that Leona Lewis now has to share top billing

(initially it was her name alone that adorned the cover of this single).

Now, I've heard Penguin and I've also heard Collide and let me tell you, just as with the Saturdays last week, I really don't think the vocals add anything of value to the song.

There's a really simple explanation for that (well, of course, I mean there would be, wouldn't there?) and it's this - Perpetuum Mobile was written first and foremost as an instrumental and Penguin wisely kept to that way of thinking.

It's all about the tune, not the vocals, in fact, there was no sign of anybody warbling over the top of it until Ms Lewis opened her mouth.

Therein lies the problem, the lyrics are bog-standard lovey-dovey fare, but Leona Lewis has a decent voice and she knows it; what's more it's her mission in life to prove it any chance she gets.

To be honest, that's fair enough, after all she is a singer by trade, but she barely pauses for breath here.

The end result is a song that should be an instrumental getting drowned out by a singer whose skills are pretty much surplus to requirements here.

No doubt, there'll be a few Leona fans who are going to disagree with me vehemently on that score, but listen to this song's predecessors and you'll see what I mean.

Nice tune, though.

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GORDON GILTRAP

Tuesday, September 6, 8pm

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MK GALLERY

NEW ART MK

Until September 18

LAUREN Keeley, a graduate of the Ruskin School of Art, Oxford, produces bold oil paintings that explore surface and medium.

As a finalist in the MK Community Foundation's 2010 Arts Bursary Award, Lauren was offered the opportunity to exhibit at MK Gallery this summer.

Six of her works form part of the New Art MK: Eight Artists from Milton Keynes exhibition.

Rather than starting a painting with a drawing or a sketch, Lauren's images are sourced from pictures taken on her i-phone, which she enlarges and projects, then reduces to near abstraction.

Typically a painting might begin as a fragment of an architectural form in the local environment; part of an industrial estate in Milton Keynes, or even the 'architecture' of trees. While inspiring or facilitating her work, Lauren asserts that these source images don't determine a painting's final look or feel.

Lauren pursues a strict practice, experimenting with variations on self-imposed systems, but alongside this she also permits herself arbitrary or intuitive aesthetic decisions to drive her painting process forward.

Habitually Lauren immerses herself in her studio space every day, making a painting across multiple sittings or sessions, and admits she can spend months experimenting small-scale with work on boards.

She will work and rework her paintings to reduce perceived imperfections or mistakes until they are refined to her satisfaction.

She is interested in groups or series of paintings, describing her current works at MK Gallery as a collective, rather than individual paintings.

"My 'investment' in each painting is extremely different," she said.

"Some are done in a day, some over weeks and I enjoy making visually very different work, which although they have a commonality, do not have a complete coherence."

Stressing the physicality of her process, Lauren says it can be very gestural during the development of an image, but afterwards she takes pains to eliminate all signs of her mark-making, by, for example, painting then removing paint systematically from the canvas using masking tape.

Children under eight have the chance to meet and work with Lauren at MK Gallery this week.

She is the artist leading Discover the Joys of Painting - three, free holiday workshops between 10am and noon from today until Friday. Full details at www.mkgallery.org.

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THE city is gearing up for its biggest heritage event of the year and over the next three weeks we will bring you the news leading up to this exciting ocassion.

Organisations across the borough open their doors from September 8-11 to put on a range of free, fun activities for families and people of all ages as part of Heritage Open Days Weekend (HODs).

Last year more than 7,000 people joined in and this year, with 51 events to choose from, organisers expect another bumper turn out.

There is something for everyone with museums and historic sites and arts and attractions venues, many of them with children and family friendly activities, opening for free.

Other organisations will also be putting on a fantastic range of walks, talks, exhibitions, games, themed events and other fun stuff.

Paul Sanders, Milton Keynes Council's assistant director for leisure, said: "MK Heritage Open Days is a fantastic free annual event and once again we have organisations, many of them voluntary, from all parts of our community showcasing our wonderful heritage to our residents and visitors."

This year MK HODs is celebrating the 1951 Festival of Britain's 60th anniversary and the city has contributed to the nation's history.

Many events will also be marking the efforts of our Armed Forces as part of a wider campaign, such as an Exhibition of our Armed Forces and the people of Milton Keynes who have served in and experienced war, to commemorate the 90th anniversary of The British Legion.

Heritage hunt: Pick up a brochure for this year's Open Heritage Days Weekend from the Discover Milton Keynes showcase at the library

With this in mind Living Archive is presenting stories from the Great War to the present day Afghanistan. Sarah Charlton, archivist from the Centre for Buckinghamshire Studies will be giving a talk on Bombs Over Bucks, with a special viewing of records. Booking is required.

Bletchley Community Heritage Initiative will be putting on a themed exhibition on life in Bletchley from the Festival of Britain period onwards.

And Bletchley Park will be holding an MK Postcodes Event offering free admission to all residents with an MK postcode (proof needed, booking essential and limited spaces). Here visitors will be able to experience the 'enigmatic' history of Bletchley Park.

To celebrate and promote these, and all the other events, a brochure is available from the Discover Milton Keynes showcase, located on the first floor of the Central Library, in shopping centres and any library or heritage venue.

You can also visit www.mkheritageopendays.com to download details and plan your visits.

COMPETITION

CLOTHES SHOW LIVE
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CLOTHES Show Live, the UK's biggest fashion and beauty event returns for its 23rd year with more fashion, beauty and shopping than ever.

With hundreds of leading fashion and beauty brands, non-stop catwalk shows, hair and beauty demonstrations, leading industry experts and the UK's favourite celebrities - it's the ultimate girls' day out.

And what's more, you could be going for free. Clothes Show Live in association with Suzuki is giving five lucky readers a pair of tickets to this year's show, taking place at Birmingham's NEC from December 2-7.

Whether you're looking for the latest, cutting edge fashion, glamorous catwalk shows featuring not yet seen designer collections, or the perfect opportunity to be pampered and relax, this year's Clothes Show Live is bigger and better than ever.

Bourjois, Juicy Couture and Benefit are among the brands to shop from, while Parade, George Lamb and Jeff Brazier will be among the list of celebrity attendees. Jamie Stephens, Karl Willett and Caryn Franklin will all be on hand to give demonstrations and their vital advice about the industry.

Combining all the razzle and dazzle of a West End Show and the glamour of a catwalk show at New York Fashion Week, Clothes Show Live's famous Fashion Theatre performance is a reason to visit in itself.

More than 40 models and dancers take to the world's longest catwalk to showcase the latest collections from everyone from Henry Holland and DKNY to Adidas and New Look.

This year's theme is The Department Store, with eight scenes each inspired by the different levels of famous New York Department store Bloomingdale's.

Back for its second year, The Dance Show will once again be the must-attend event for any enthusiast.

Running for the whole six days, The Dance Show will feature amazing live performances, interactive dance classes, the UK's leading dancewear brands, masterclasses from the professionals, seminars and awards.

For further details on The Clothes Show Live, go to www.clotheshowlive.com.

To be in with a chance of being one of our five lucky winners, answer this simple question: Where is this year's The Clothes Show Live being held?

Send your entry, along with your name, address and contact details, to competitions@mk-news.co.uk, or MK NEWS, 1 Diamond Court, Fox Milne, MK15 0DU. The closing date for entries is 5pm on Wednesday, August 31. The editor's decision is final and the winners will be notified.

DAILY LIFE

TOMORROW

DINOSAURS Rock! Learn more about the giant creatures that walked the earth. Booking essential. Book online at www.theparkstrust.com, or contact The Parks Trust on 01908 255379. Meet at Caldecotte Lake, 10.30am-1pm, £3 child.

FREE event. Pushchairs in the Park is an outdoor adventure whatever the weather. Pushchairs optional, wellies essential. Please see www.pre-school.org.uk/milton-keynes for more information. Park at Campbell Park Pavilion, Silbury Boulevard.

FRIDAY

HURRY, it's your last chance to see some amazing artefacts from Milton Keynes Museum at MK Library. An artist is also in residence running children's activities. Normal library opening hours. Call 01908 322568 for more details.

FANTASTIC local produce including cheese, fruit and veg, juices, sauces, flowers, locally produced crafts and much more. Market Square, Stony Stratford, 8am to 2pm.

DITCH clearing with BTCV Railway Walk Experience, 10.30am-3pm, meet at Campion, Great Linford. Keeping the ditches free from rubbish and excess vegetation that has built up during the summer.

SATURDAY

FENNY Farmers and Artisans Market held in Aylesbury Street. Fenny Stratford stalls include organic fruit and veg, oriental cuisines, garden plants, homemade knitwear and more. From 10am-2pm.

SATURDAY

FROSTS' chilli festival. More than 30 homegrown chilli varieties and hundreds of plants on display to admire and buy - and (if you're brave enough) taste. Live Mexican music everyday. Finishes Bank Holiday Monday. For more information visit www.frostsgardencentres.co.uk.

BUY your weekly fruit, veg, flowers, plants, bread, sweets, fish and much more at this Saturday market. Timor Court, Stony Stratford High Street.

SUNDAY

SKY Ride Milton Keynes' family friendly, free 5km ride around the streets of central Milton Keynes. From 10am until 4pm with all the central roads closed to traffic at this time. For more information, go to www.goskyride.com/Milton-Keynes.

BEE event with the BTCV Railway Walk Experience, 11am-1pm. Loads of bee-related activities including making bee homes, colouring and bee game. Suitable for families. Meet at Bradwell Windmill car park, Nightingale Crescent, Bradville.

MONDAY

DMK member Millbrook Concept Centre's charity cycling event. Three different tracks for different abilities. Check out www.macbike.org.uk for more information and to book a place.

THE Stony Stratford Art Society will be displaying paintings on the church railings in Horsefair Green at the Town Fayre (weather permitting). Featuring affordable works of art.

TUESDAY

LITTLE Fishes is a baby and toddler group. Toys, crafts and refreshments. Cost £1.50. Methodist Church, Silver Street, Stony Stratford. All welcome.

WEDNESDAY

FREE family day out at Woodland crafts and play with MK Play Association. Activities are continuous throughout the session. No booking required. Meet at the park in Enfield Chase or on the roadside at Breckland, V7 Saxon Street.

TEDDY Bear's Picnic at Frost's Garden Centre, Woburn Sands, 3-4.30pm. Meet Sparkle Fairy who will bring her teddy from Fairy Land and entertain you with story-telling, dancing and singing with teddy bears, party games and parachute fun. Only £7.99 per child. For more infomation visit www.frostsgardencentres.co.uk.

FAMILY fun Wednesday, Bletchley Park. Activities include children's trails, learning about life as an evacuee and an opportunity to look at the Pegasus Bridge exhibition in more detail and try on World War Two uniforms. The Toy museum and model railway exhibition will also be opened specially for families to enjoy. Adults £12, concessions £10, children aged 12-16 £6, children under 12 free, family ticket £26, parking £3 per car.

Tell MK NEWS readers about YOUR event

Send details to andy.handley@mk-news.co.uk, or call 01908 689586. Remember to get the details to us at least two weeks before the event and we will publish them, space permitting.

HEART FM COLUMN

HEART breakfast show presenters Stuart and Natalie wake you up each weekday morning and write to you each week in MK NEWS.

Lots of movie news this week, starting with one of France's funniest femmes Audrey Tatou, who is staring in a new rom-com called Beautiful Lives.

You will know her from films such as Amelie and Coco Chanel.

She always looks unmistakably chic, although she claims she's not a dedicated follower of fashion, "I'm really not a fashionista person, I like clothes but I buy them once a year. I just wear what I like but I don't know anything about fashion," she said.

The thing is, French people generally ooze style, so we know she'd look great even in a bin bag.

Daniel Craig and Harrison Ford are starring in a bizarrely named movie Cowboys and Aliens - an alien invasion in the Wild West.

We asked Harrison whether he'd pick up his whip for another outing as Indy.

He said: "If the script is right, I will."

So let's hope there's some boulders and a mummy to entice him.

We also caught up with Olivia Wilde, one of Hollywood's rising stars who appears alongside both hunks in the movie and had a smooch with Daniel Craig. We had to ask who she preferred?

"I couldn't possibly pick between the two, so I had both", said the diplomatic starlet.

You'll next see her alongside Justin Timberlake in a film called In Time - some girls have all the luck.

In other movie news, Andy Serkis returns to his motion capture roles, remember him as Gollum in Lord of the Rings?

Andy is Caeser in the new Planet of the Apes movie. He told us he can still get public transport as he doesn't often get recognised. The giveaway would of course be when he gets on the bus in town and says 'I'll have a single to the centre:mk, my precious.'

Stuart and Natalie present Heart Breakfast Monday to Friday from 6-10am on Heart 103.3FM.

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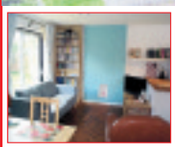
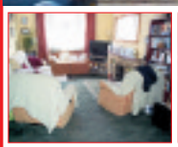


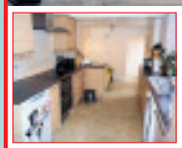
- 2 bedrooms
- End of terrace house
- 80% Shared Ownership
- Re-fitted kitchen
- Re-fitted bathroom
- Allocated parking space
- Gardens to front, side & rear
- Situated on a corner plot
- No Premium

WOLVERTON £159,995



- 3 bedrooms
- Victorian style mid terraced property
- UPVC double glazing (w/s)
- Kitchen/breakfast room
- Lounge through diner
- Upstairs bathroom
- Front & rear gardens
- Gas to radiator heating

WOLVERTON £160,000



- 3 bedrooms
- Re-fitted kitchen/breakfast room
- Lounge/diner
- UPVC double glazing
- Gas to radiator heating
- Brick built garage to the rear
- Front & rear gardens
- No upper chain

WOLVERTON £178,000

- 3 double bedrooms
- Re-fitted upstairs bathroom
- Re-fitted kitchen/breakfast area
- Downstairs cloakroom
- Utility room
- UPVC double glazing
- Gas to radiator heating
- Backing onto Wolverton Recreation Grounds

WOLVERTON £200,000

- 3 bed extended semi detached
- Separate reception rooms
- Re-fitted kitchen
- Downstairs cloakroom
- Utility room
- UPVC double glazing
- Off road rear parking
- Backs onto Wolverton Recreation Grounds

PROPERTY OF THE WEEK

WOLVERTON £165,000

- 3 bedrooms
- Double bay fronted house
- Re-fitted upstairs bathroom
- Re-fitted kitchen
- Lounge/dining room
- Gas to radiator heating via replacement boiler
- Original features
- Front & rear gardens
- Outbuilding
- No upper chain

TWO MILE ASH £150,000

- Two double bedrooms
- Detached house
- Re-fitted kitchen
- Sealed unit double glazing
- Gas to radiator heating
- Driveway & carport
- Cul-de-sac location
- Front and rear gardens
- No upper chain

WOLVERTON £150,000

- 3 bedrooms
- Mid terrace House
- Separate reception rooms
- Kitchen/breakfast room
- Upstairs bathroom
- UPVC double glazing
- Gas to radiator heating
- Garage at rear

FULLERS SLADE £120,000

- 4 bedrooms
- Mid terraced Townhouse
- UPVC double glazed windows
- Lounge/diner
- Kitchen/breakfast room
- Gas to raditor heating
- Carport

FULLERS SLADE £159,950

- 3 bedroom semi detached
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- Re-fitted bathroom
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WOLVERTON £180,000

- 4 bedrooms
- End of terrace
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WILLEN £179,950

Located in a cul de sac in this ever popular area is this semi detached family home benefiting from double glazing and gas radiator heating. MUST BE VIEWED

BRADVILLE £154,950

A mid terrace home that offers good size accommodation throughout with porch, hall, kitchen, lounge, dining room, three double bedrooms, bathroom, rear garden and parking.

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13 Graveney Place, Springfield, Milton Keynes, MK6 3JZ. We are acting in the sale of the above property and have received an offer of £130,000. Any interested party must submit any higher offer in writing to the selling agent before an exchange of contracts takes place. Ryan Daniel, 401 Silbury Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes, MK9 2AH

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177 Fishermead Boulevard, Fishermead, Milton Keynes, MK6 2AA. We are acting in the sale of the above property and have received an offer of £112,500. Any interested party must submit any higher offer in writing to the selling agent before an exchange of contracts takes place. Ryan Daniel, 401 Silbury Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes, MK9 2AH

POETS - NEWPORT PAGNELL £204,995

An EXTENDED semi detached family home located in a cul de sac within walking distance of shops, schools and parks making this an ideal purchase for a growing family. The property benefits from gas radiator central heating, replacement PVCu double glazing and comprises entrance hall, THREE RECEPTIONS, kitchen, conservatory, THREE BEDROOMS and a refitted bathroom. Outside there is off road parking to the front, a single garage and an enclosed garden to the rear. THIS PROPERTY MUST BE VIEWED!!

WILLEN £375,000

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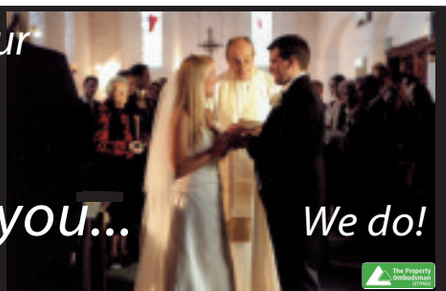

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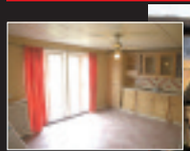

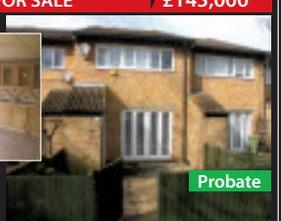

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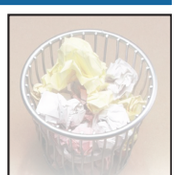
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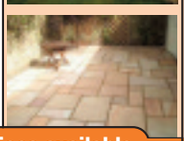

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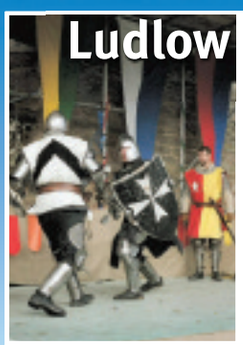

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THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972
STREET NAMING AND NUMBERING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes intends to pass a resolution on the 30th August, 2011 under paragraph 25 of Schedule 14 of the Local Government Act 1972 resolving that the provisions of Sections 17 and 18 of the Public Health Act 1925 (relating to street naming and alteration of street names) and sections 64 & 65 of the Town Improvement Clauses Act 1847 (relating to numbering of houses and street naming) shall apply throughout the Borough of Milton Keynes. It is intended that the resolution will take effect on the 3rd October, 2011.

Philip McCourt, Assistant Director – Law and Governance 24th August 2011
Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
(REDWAY (PART) ADJACENT TO THE MOSQUE, PEVEREL DRIVE, GRANBY)
(TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2011

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes intends, not less than seven days from the date of this notice to make an order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 to enable the resurfacing of a redway to take place. The effect of this will be to temporarily prohibit all access to that part of the redway commencing from the entrance gates to the Mosque at Peverel Drive, Granby, Milton Keynes continuing in a general westerly direction to its junction with the railway at Bridge Number 159. It is anticipated that the closure will be in effect on Monday 5 September 2011 until Friday 30 September 2011, both dates inclusive, however the redway will be re-opened sooner if works are complete and it is safe to do so.

While the redway is closed the alternative route will be via the redway beside the V4 Watling Street in a northerly direction past Drew Court then bear right and follow the redway across the bridge over the A5 dual carriageway. Continue along the redway under the A421/H8 Standing Way to the redway beside the A421/H8 Standing Way, then turn right. Continue along the redway beside the V6 Grafton Street in a southerly direction to Redmoor Roundabout and follow the redway across Redmoor Roundabout to the redway beside Peverel Drive, Granby, turn right and follow the redway beside Peverel Drive in a westerly direction to the entrance gates to the Mosque, and vice versa.

There shall be no exemptions from the provisions of the order.

The proposed order will come into operation on 5 September 2011 and will continue in force for a period of up to a maximum of 6 months or until the said works have been completed, whichever is the earlier. If the works are not completed within the period stated, a further order may be made.

Any person committing a breach of the order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

Philip McCourt, Assistant Director – Law and Governance 24th August 2011
Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
(PART OF PUBLIC FOOTPATH NUMBER 15 (CANAL TOWPATH),
AND BRIDGE NUMBER 78, GREAT LINFORD)
(TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2011

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes intends to make an order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 whilst works to construct a new canal towpath are carried out along that part of public Footpath Number 15 (the canal towpath) at Great Linford, Milton Keynes from its point with the junction at Marsh Drive at Bridge Number 77, to its junction with Broadway Avenue at Bridge Number 78, and whilst repair works are carried out to Bridge Number 78. It is anticipated that the closures will be in effect from Monday 5 September 2011 to Monday 6 February 2012 inclusive. The affected footpath/canal towpath and bridge may be re-opened sooner if the works are complete and it is safe to do so.

The alternative route whilst the redway/canal towpath is closed will be via the redway adjacent to Marsh Drive, turn right onto the redway known as Railway Walk, turn right onto the redway adjacent to Broadway Avenue to rejoin Footpath Number 15 (the canal towpath) at Bridge Number 78, and vice versa.

The alternative route whilst Bridge Number 78 is closed will be via the redway on the west side of the canal, crossing the canal at Bridge Number 78B and returning on Footpath Number 15 (the canal towpath) on the east side of the canal, to return to Bridge Number 78 and vice versa.

The alternative route will be signed in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual and advance information signs will be placed at either end of the lengths of footpath/canal towpath and bridge to be closed a few days before the works are due to take place.

There shall be no exemptions from the provisions of the order.

The proposed order will come into operation on 5 September 2011 and will continue in force for a period of up to a maximum of 6 months or until the said works have been completed.

Any person committing a breach of the order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

Philip McCourt, Assistant Director – Law and Governance 24th August 2011
Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
(ALL GRID ROADS, MILTON KEYNES) (TEMPORARY SPEED LIMIT) ORDER 2011

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes intends, in not less than seven days from the date of this notice, to make an Order under Section 14(4) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. Its effect will be to temporarily restrict the speed limit to 40mph on the following grid roads within Milton Keynes:-

1. V1 Snelshall Street from its junction with H8/A421 Standing Way at the Tattenhoe roundabout Bletchley to its junction with H6 Childs Way at the Whitney roundabout Westcroft.

2. V2 Tattenhoe Street from its junction with H8/A421 Standing Way at the Windmill Hill roundabout Bletchley to its junction with Emperor Drive and Morland Drive Hazeley.

3. V3 Fulmer Street from its junction with H8/A421 Standing Way at the Emerson roundabout Bletchley to its junction with H4 Dansteed Way at the Grange Farm Roundabout Crownhill.

4. V4 Watling Street from its junction with A5 at the Kelly's Kitchen roundabout Bletchley to its junction with H1 Ridgeway at the Galley Hill Roundabout and then continuing onto the full length of Queen Eleanor Street Stony Stratford.

5. V5 Great Monks Street from its junction with H4 Dansteed Way at the Lodge roundabout Two Mile Ash to the Old Wolverton Roundabout at the Stratford Road Wolverton.

6. V6 Grafton Street from its junction with the Granby Roundabout Bletchley to its junction with the Haversham Roundabout New Bradwell.

7. V7 Saxon Street from its junction with the B4034 Buckingham Road at the Brunel Roundabout Bletchley to its junction with the Newport Road New Bradwell at the New Bradwell Roundabout.

8. V8 Marlborough Street from its junction at the Mount Farm Roundabout Bletchley to its junction with the V7 Saxon Street at the Marlborough Roundabout Stantonbury.

9. V9 Overgate from its junction at the Cricket Green Roundabout Campbell Park to its junction with H3 Monks Way at the Great Linford Roundabout Great Linford.

10. V10 Brickhill Street from its junction at the Tilbrook Roundabout Caldecotte to its junction with the Wolverton Road at the Giffard Park roundabout Great Linford.

11. V11/A4146 Tongwell Street from its junction at Elgar Grove Browns Wood to its junction with H4 Dansteed Way at the Tongwell roundabout Willen.

12. H1 Ridgeway at the Galley Hill Roundabout Stony Stratford to its junction with V5 Great Monks Street at the Greenleys Roundabout Wolverton.

13. H2 Millers Way from its junction with the V4 Watling Street at the Kiln Farm Roundabout Kiln Farm to its junction with the V6 Grafton Street at Bradville roundabout Bradwell.

14. H3/A422 Monks Way from its junction with V4 Watling Street at the Fairways roundabout to the Milton Keynes boundary at Astwood.

15. H4 Dansteed Way at the Grange Farm Roundabout Crownhill to its junction with V11/A4146 Tongwell Street at the Tongwell roundabout Willen.

16. H5/A509 Portway from its junction with Otterburn Crescent Oakhill to its junction with the M1 Junction14 interchange roundabout Pineham.

17. H6/A4146 Childs Way from its junction at the Whitney roundabout Westcroft to its junction at the Northfield Roundabout Pineham and from a point approximately 167 metres east of its junction with Stoke Road, Bletchley for a distance of 25 metres in a general easterly direction to the River Ouzel Bridge and for a distance of 760 metres in a general southerly direction from its junction with the Kelly's Kitchen roundabout on the A5.

18. H7 Chaffron Way from its junction with the V1 Snelshall Street at the Kingsmead roundabout Tattenhoe to its junction with Mandeville Drive Kingston.

19. H8/A421 Standing Way from its junction with the A421 Buckingham Road at the Bottle dump roundabout Tattenhoe Park to its junction at the Salford Road Bridge at the Milton Keynes Boundary.

20. H9 Groveway from its junction with the Redmoor roundabout Bletchley to its junction with the Kingston roundabout Kingston.

21. H10 Bletcham Way from its junction with the Denbigh roundabout Bletchley to its junction with Britten Grove, Old Farm Park.

22. A509 London Road from the Junction 14 interchange roundabout to the Tickford roundabout Newport Pagnell, and the A509 Newport Pagnell bypass from the Tickford Roundabout to the A422 Newport Road junction at the roundabout at Chicheley.

23. A509 from the Junction 14 interchange roundabout to its junction with Northfield Roundabout, Northfield.

24. A509 from its junction with the A422 at Chicheley to the Milton Keynes Boundary at Warrington.

The Council is satisfied that the temporary speed restriction is necessary to enable maintenance works to be carried out in safety on the carriageways and verges including grass cutting, gully cleaning, litter picking, street lighting, mechanical sweeping, lining maintenance, stud replacement and all other related maintenance activities. It is anticipated that the temporary speed restriction will come into effect on Thursday 1st September 2011 until 31st March 2013, inclusive and will take effect on specific roads at specific times during the above period only when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs.

There shall be no exemptions from the provisions of this Order except for emergency service vehicles and Special Forces drivers within the armed forces on operational duties.

The proposed Order will come into operation on Thursday 1st September 2011 and will continue in force for a maximum period of 18 months or until the said works have been completed, which ever is the sooner. If the works are not completed within the maximum period stated, a further Order may be made with the consent of the Secretary of State. The provisions of this Order shall apply when indicated by traffic signs.

Any person committing a breach of this Order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

Philip McCourt, Assistant Director – Law and Governance 24th August 2011
Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes

DESIGNATION OF STREETS IN WHICH TRADING IS PROHIBITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on 29th June 2011 the Milton Keynes Council passed a resolution to prohibit street trading under paragraph 2(1) (a) of Schedule 4 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982.

All streets listed below including all roads, footways, forecourts or other area adjacent to the streets referred to in this resolution for a distance of 60 metres from the centre line of each street and shown on a map identification purposes only, which can be examined at Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Central Milton Keynes. The effective date will be 1st October 2011.

Lynmouth Crescent, Furzton

Philip Winsor, Assistant Director – Regulatory Services

SAFETY OF SPORTS GROUNDS ACT 1975
FIRE SAFETY & SAFETY OF PLACES OF SPORT ACT 1987
RE: STADIUM MK AT STADIUM WAY WEST BLETCHLEY MILTON KEYNES MK1 1ST

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Milton Keynes Council issued a Special Safety Certificate in respect of MK Dons Stadium, Milton Keynes on 9th July 2011.

A copy of the certificate and application is available to view by prior appointment at the Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Central Milton Keynes during office hours. Monday to Thursday 9.00am - 5.15pm and Friday 9.00am to 4.45pm.

Philip Winsor , Assistant Director Regulatory Services

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
(VARIOUS ROADS, KINGSTON, WOBURN SANDS, RAVENSTONE,
WOLVERTON, OLNEY AND TATHALL END)
(TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2011

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has on 24 August 2011 made an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 because of works to enable road resurfacing, road reconstruction and drainage repairs to take place on roads within Kingston, Woburn Sands, Ravenstone, Wolverton, Olney and Tathall End, Milton Keynes. It is anticipated that the temporary closures will be in effect from 9.30 am until 4.30 pm each day between 30 August 2011 and 30 November 2011. The closures will be in no particular order, and no two closures will take place at the same time.

The effect of the Order is to temporarily prohibit all vehicular access along the following lengths of roads within the areas stated:-

Kingston – the A5130 from its junction with Countess Way to its junction with Kingston Roundabout and the H8/A421 Standing Way. The alternative route will be via the H8/A421 Standing Way to Brinklow Roundabout, the V11/A4146 Tongwell Street to Monkston Roundabout, turn right onto the H7 Chaffron Way and continue onto Countess Way, and vice versa.

Woburn Sands – from a point adjacent to Number 30 Elm Grove in a general easterly direction for a distance of approximately 130 metres to the end of the road. There will be no alternative route as this road is a cul-de-sac, however provision will be made for residents to gain access and egress during the closure although delays should be expected.

Ravenstone – Common Street from its junction with Mount Pleasant Road to its junction with Weston Road. The alternative route will be south-westerly via Mount Pleasant Road, then turn left into High Street at Stoke Goldington and continue for a distance of approximately 920 metres in a general southerly direction, then turn left onto an unnamed road and proceed in a general easterly then northerly direction towards Weston Underwood until its junction with Weston Road, then proceed along Weston Road to Common Street, and vice versa.

Wolverton – the junctions at the points of two crossroads; the first at the junction of Windsor Street and Church Street and the second at the junction of Cambridge Street and Church Street. The closures will be carried out separately and access and egress will remain available at all times. Whilst each junction is closed the alternative route will be via Church Street, Jersey Road, Stratford Road and Radcliffe Street, and vice versa.

Olney – West Side Rise, northerly from its junction with Long Lane to a point adjacent to number 38 West Side Rise for a distance of approximately 160 metres in a general westerly direction. There will be no alternative route as this road is a cul-de-sac, however provision will be made for residents in order to gain access and egress during the closure although delays should be expected.

Tathall End – the main road through Tathall End from its junction with Newport Road in a general northerly then easterly direction for a distance of approximately 300 metres to a point adjacent to Tathall End Farm. The alternative route, avoiding roads with width restrictions, will be easterly via the C27 through Gayhurst, then onto the B526 Northampton Road through Lathbury, continuing southerly towards Newport Pagnell, then westerly along Wolverton Road at Newport Pagnell continuing onto Newport Road at New Bradwell to Stonebridge Roundabout, then onto the V6 to Haversham Roundabout and then Haversham Road, then continue northerly on the C5 through Haversham, and vice versa.

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of the Order other than for emergency services vehicles, military vehicles and pedestrians. Access for residents, and to adjacent businesses, will be maintained as far as practically possible, although there may be some delays.

The temporary restrictions will be in force on the dates shown when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs, and these will be displayed in the affected roads a few days in advance.

The Order comes into operation on 30 August 2011 and will continue in force for a period of up to a maximum of 18 months or until the works are complete, whichever is the earlier. If the works are not completed within the period stated, a further order may be made.

Any person committing a breach of the order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

Philip McCourt, Assistant Director – Law and Governance 24th August 2011
Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (VARIOUS ROADS WITHIN MILTON KEYNES AND SURROUNDING AREAS) (PROHIBITION OF STOPPING OUTSIDE SCHOOLS) ORDER 2008) VARIATION ORDER 2011

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has on 24 August 2011 made an Order under Sections 1(1), 2(1) and (2) and 4(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, Part 6 of the Traffic Management Act 2004 and of all other enabling powers. The Order, which comes into effect on 5 September 2011, has the effect of prohibiting stopping of all vehicles between the hours of 8.00 am and 6.00 pm Monday to Friday outside the following schools in roads within Milton Keynes:-

Hanslope County Combined School
New Bradwell Combined School
Willen Combined School
Caroline Haslett Combined School
Holne Chase Primary School
Cold Harbour Church of England School
MK Preparatory School
Middleton Primary School

All classes of vehicle are affected by the Order. Exemptions from the order include:- emergency service vehicles and military vehicles, school vehicles and community transport vehicles, statutory undertakers, building, demolition and excavation and disabled persons badge holders.

A copy of the Order, maps showing the affected roads and the Council's statement of reasons for proposing the order may be viewed at Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes between 9.00 am and 5.00 pm on any working day, at Milton Keynes Library, 555 Silbury Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes and at Bletchley Library and Westfield Road, Wolverton Library (for Hanslope and New Bradwell), Town Hall, Creed Street during normal opening hours.

Any person wishing to question the validity of the Order or any provision contained in the Order on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act, or on the grounds that any requirement of the Act or any Instrument made under the Act has not been complied with may, within six weeks from the date on which the Order was made, apply to the High Court for that purpose.

Philip McCourt, Assistant Director – Law and Governance 24th August 2011
Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes

The following applications may be inspected at the Planning, Economy and Development Department, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes. Representations, if any, to be submitted in writing to the above address within 21 days of the publication of this notice.

Milton Keynes Council

SECTION 73	WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA
11/01627/FUL	Replacement of 6 timber casement windows with uPVC windows at 10 Silver Street, Newport Pagnell.
11/01766/FUL	Installation of a 300mm dia galvanised flue at 34 Church Street, Wolverton.
11/01776/FUL	Change of use from retail (use class A1) to fast food takeaway (use class A3), single storey rear extension, new garage and bin storage, new shop front, extraction flue and relocated access to first floor flat (Re-submission of 11/01196/FUL) at 31 Stratford Road, Wolverton.
11/01780/ADV	Advertisement consent for 6 internally illuminated folded fascia signs, 2 internally illuminated totem signs, 1 externally illuminated freestanding sign, 2 non-illuminated directional signs and 1 internally illuminated service sign at 300 Stratford Road, Wolverton.
11/01815/MKCOD3	Erection of a single storey modular building at Emberton School, Olney Road, Emberton.
11/01819/FUL	Erection of a two storey side extension at 24 Great Brickhill Lane, Little Brickhill.
11/01823/FUL	Conversion and extension of garage at 1 The Knoll, Sherington.

Nick Fenwick, Assistant Director Planning, Economy and development

Milton Keynes Partnership
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 (AS AMENDED)
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE)(ENGLAND) ORDER 2010
NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13
MAJOR

11/01827/MKPCR	Reserved matters application for the siting, design, external appearance, means of access and landscaping of Phase 1B Brooklands (Parcels 7, 17 and 30) comprising 150 dwellings associated with Outline Permission (ref no 06/00220/MKPCO) for residential led mixed use development of up to 2501 dwellings at Land at Brooklands, To North East of A5130 and East of Brooklands Farm, Eastern Expansion Area, Milton Keynes.

Sheila Keene
Head of Strategic Policy and Planning
Homes and Communities Agency

MILTON KEYNES COUNCIL

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TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13 OF THE TOWN & COUNTRY (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT) PROCEDURE ORDER 2010 AND/OR NOTICE UNDER SECTION 67 OR 73 OF PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS & CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1990

Central Bedfordshire

APPLICATION NO:	CB/11/02536/FULL	**Affects Conserv Area/General Publicity**
LOCATION:	21 Icknield Street, Dunstable, LU6 3AD	
PROPOSAL:	Erection of a garden shed in side garden	
APPLICATION NO:	CB/11/02547/FULL	**Affects Conserv Area/General Publicity**
LOCATION:	40 Waterloo Road, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard LU7 2NS	
PROPOSAL:	Erection of single storey rear extension, raising eaves height of rear 2 storey and Internal Alterations	
APPLICATION NO:	CB/11/01959/FULL	**Affects Conserv Area/General Publicity**
LOCATION:	85 High Street North, Dunstable LU6 1JJ	
PROPOSAL:	Demolition existing rear garden shed and replace with new secure garden shed; Replace existing side entrance gate and apply pvc wood effect wall cladding to low level side building wall.	
APPLICATION NO:	CB/11/01960/CA	**Affects Conserv Area/General Publicity**
LOCATION:	85 High Street North, Dunstable LU6 1JJ	
PROPOSAL:	Demolition existing rear garden shed and replace with new secure garden shed; Replace existing side entrance gate and apply pvc wood effect wall cladding to low level side building wall.	
APPLICATION NO:	CB/11/01961/ADV	**Affects Conservation Area**
LOCATION:	85 High Street North, Dunstable LU6 1JJ	
PROPOSAL:	Front and side building signages, plus projecting sign	
APPLICATION NO:	CB/11/02858/FULL	**Affects Public Right of Way**
LOCATION:	5 Fairgreen Road, Caddington, Luton LU1 4JG	
PROPOSAL:	Demolition of rear conservatory and erection of two storey rear extension.	

Planning applications, related documents and drawings can be viewed on our website http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/planning Alternatively, the application can be viewed at our offices at Priory House, Monks Walk, Chicksands, Shefford, SG17 5TQ or at the Points of Presence at The Old Court House, Woburn Street, Ampthill MK45 2HX. The Job Centre Plus Building, High Street, Biggleswade and Bossard House, West Street, Leighton Buzzard LU7 1DA. Our customer contact telephone number is 0300 300 8307. A paper copy application is sent to the local Town/Parish Council.

If you wish to make representations about any of these applications should do so within 21 days from the date of this notice by writing to the Head of Development Management, Priory House, Monks Walk, Chicksands, Shefford SG17 5TQ, or by email to planning@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Please quote the application number/s. Comments should be restricted to valid planning considerations such as effect on amenity, privacy, noise, traffic, access or similar. Please note any representations received are made available on our website for public inspection and so cannot be treated in confidence.

Assistant Director – Development Management
21st August 2011

TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990
NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13 OF THE TOWN & COUNTRY (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT) PROCEDURE ORDER 2010 AND/OR NOTICE UNDER SECTION 67 OR 73 OF PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS & CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1990

Central Bedfordshire

APPLICATION NO:	CB/11/01937/OUT	**Departure/Major/GenPub/RightOfWay**
LOCATION:	Chamberlains Barn Quarry, Heath Road, Leighton Buzzard	
PROPOSAL:	Outline: Mixed development including up to 950 dwellings; a site for a lower school; a local centre comprising retail and community uses; informal open space and country park, incorporating allotments, orchards, new tree and shrub planting, and play areas; and a new halt for the Narrow Railway (NGR).	
APPLICATION NO:	CB/11/01940/FULL	**Departure/Major/GenPub/RightOfWay**
LOCATION:	Chamberlains Barn Quarry, Heath Road, Leighton Buzzard	
PROPOSAL:	A link road from Heath Road to Vandyke Road incorporating re-alignment and bridge over the Narrow Gauge Railway, sewers, pumping station and SUDs basin	
APPLICATION NO:	CB/11/02827/OUT	**Departure/Major/GenPub/RightOfWay**
LOCATION:	Clipstone Park, Land South of Vandyke Road & North of Stanbridge Road, Leighton Linslade	
PROPOSAL:	Mixed use urban extension including 1210 dwellings, 70 units of Assisted Living for the Elderly, Class B1, B2, B8 Employment, Renewable Energy Plant and Recycling Facility, a Neighbourhood Centre comprising Retail Uses (Class A1-A3), a Public House (Class A4), a Multi Purpose Hall (Class D1), a GP Surgery (Class D1), Offices (Class B1), a Childrens Nursery (Class D1) and Associated Car Parking, Community Hall (Class D1), Retail Units (Class A1-A3), an Elderly Person Care Home of up to 70 Beds (Class C2), a New Eastern Link Road between Vandyke Road and Stanbridge Road together with associated residential and employment access roads with associated car parking, the laying out of an area to the north and south of Clipstone Brook as a Park forming part of an Area of Green Infrastructure, the laying out of structural landscaping and green corridors for recreational use, the laying of 7.45 hectares of land as formal pitch provision together with the erection of appropriate changing facilities, the construction of footways and cycleways, the construction of structures to accommodate Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems, the laying out of 0.75 hectares as Allotments, the construction of 2 neighbourhood equipped areas for play and four locally equipped areas of play, a Lower School and Middle School including a Multi Use Games Area, Land for expansion of Vandyke Upper School including a Multi Use Games Area.	

Planning applications, related documents and drawings can be viewed on our website http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/planning

Alternatively, the application can be viewed at our offices at Priory House, Monks Walk, Chicksands, Shefford, SG17 5TQ or at the Points of Presence at The Old Court House, Woburn Street, Ampthill, MK45 2HX. The Job Centre Plus Building, High Street, Biggleswade and Bossard House, West Street, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 1DA. Our customer contact telephone number is 0300 300 8307. A paper copy application is sent to the local Town/Parish Council.

If you wish to make representations about any of these applications should do so within 35 days from the date of this notice by writing to the Head of Development Management, Priory House, Monks Walk, Chicksands, Shefford, SG17 5TQ, or by email to planning@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Please quote the application number/s. Comments should be restricted to valid planning considerations such as effect on amenity, privacy, noise, traffic, access or similar. Please note any representations received are made available on our website for public inspection and so cannot be treated in confidence.

Assistant Director – Development Management 21st August 2011

LICENSING ACT 2003
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A VARIATION OF PREMISES LICENCE / CLUB PREMISES CERTIFICATE

NOTICE is hereby given that CCOY30 Limited has applied to The Licensing Authority at Milton Keynes Council for a variation of the premises licence / club premises certificate at: 309 Avebury Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes, MK9 2GA.
The proposed variations are:
Variation of the licensable activities namely films, live music, recorded music, performances of dance and sale by retail of alcohol to the following times: Monday to Sunday: 09:00 to 02:00 and Christmas Eve and New Years Eve 09:00 to 04:00. Variation of late night refreshments to the following times: Monday to Sunday: 23:00 to 02:00 and Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve: 23:00 to 04:00. Full details of the application can be viewed via The Licensing Register at the Civic Offices of the Council. This is accessible Mondays to Thursday between the hours of 9am to 5pm, and Fridays 9am to 4pm (excluding bank holidays) or online at www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/licensing
Any interested party (such as local resident or business) or responsible authority wishing to make representations in support or against the application must do so in writing by the following date:
To the following address: Licensing Team, Community Wellbeing Directorate, Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes, MK9 3EJ, tel: 01908 252800, email: licensing@milton-keynes.gov.uk
Representations received in response to this review will ordinarily be made available for public inspection, including disclosure to the applicant and any relevant responsible authorities unless agreed otherwise. Representations must relate to one or more of the licensing objectives (namely crime and disorder, public nuisance, public safety, or protection of children from harm). Individuals making a representation must live in the vicinity of the premise.
It is an offence to knowingly or recklessly make a false statement in connection with an application and the maximum fine of £5,000 is liable on summary conviction for the offence.
Dated this 18th day of August 2011.

HIGHWAYS AGENCY

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14(1)(a)
THE A5 TRUNK ROAD (A4146 KELLY'S KITCHEN TO A422 MONKS WAY, MILTON KEYNES) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) ORDER 2011

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Secretary of State for Transport has made an Order on the A5 Trunk Road in the Borough of Milton Keynes to provide a safe working environment for the workforce whilst carriageway repairs and routine maintenance works are carried out along the A5 between the Kelly's Kitchen and Monks Way Roundabouts.

The works are expected to take place in 2 phases overnight (8pm - 6am), for approximately 2 weeks each phase starting on, or after, Thursday 1 September 2011.

The effect of the Order will be to close the A5 –

1. between the A4146 Kelly's Kitchen Roundabout and the centre point of the overbridge at A421 Grafton Street (Redmoor) Roundabout,
2. between the centre points of the overbridges at A421 Grafton Street (Redmoor) Roundabout and A422 Abbey Hill (Monks Way) Roundabout,
3. slip roads leading to or from the A5 at H10 Bletcham Way Interchange, A421 Grafton Street (Redmoor) Roundabout and A509 Portway Roundbout, and the northbound exit and southbound entry slip roads at A422 Abbey Hill (Monks Way) Roundabout, and
4. lay-bys adjacent to the lengths of trunk road described at 1 and 2 above, for 24 hours daily, for the duration of the works.

Diversions -

A5 northbound closure between A4146 Kelly's Kitchen and A421 Grafton Street, traffic will be diverted via A5 Watling Street, Bletcham Way and A421 Grafton Street to rejoin the A5 northbound at A421 Grafton Street (Redmoor) Roundabout, and vice versa for southbound traffic.

A5 northbound closure between A421 Grafton Street (Redmoor) Roundabout and A422 Abbey Hill (Monks Way) Roundabout, traffic will be diverted via the A421 Grafton Street and A422 to re-join the A5 at A422 Abbey Hill (Monks Way) Roundabout, and vice versa for southbound traffic.

The Order will come into force on 29 August 2011 and have a maximum duration of eighteen months.

The carriageway, slip road and lay-by closures (which will not apply to works or winter service maintenance, emergency service or traffic officer vehicles) and diversion routes, will be clearly indicated by traffic signs throughout the works period.

Mrs A V Middleton, An official of the Highways Agency

General Enquiries relating to this notice may be made in writing to Keith Hutchinson at the Highways Agency Woodlands, Manton Lane, Bedford MK41 7LW or by telephoning 01234 796510.

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Representations to be received by: 19/09/11

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HIGHWAYS AGENCY

THE A5 TRUNK ROAD (A4146 NEWTON LEYS ROUNDABOUT) ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT. NOTICE OF DETERMINATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 105B(1) OF THE HIGHWAYS ACT 1980 (AS AMENDED)

The Secretary of State for the Department for Transport gives notice that he has determined that the proposal to Improve and install traffic signals on the A5/A4146 Newton Leys Roundabout in the County of Buckinghamshire which is a relevant project within the meaning of Section 105A (1) of the Highways Act 1980 (as amended), is not to be made subject to Environmental Impact Assessment in accordance with Part VA of the Highways Act 1980 (as amended) and EC Directive 85/337/EEC (as amended).

Any comments about this notice should be sent to the Highways Agency at the address given below. Any comments should be made as soon as possible and received by the Highways Agency by 20th October 2011.

Further information on the project and about this notice may be obtained from:

Andy Shilliday, NDD Area 8 Service Delivery Team

Highways Agency, 2nd Floor, Woodlands, Manton Lane, Bedford MK41 7LW

Telephone: 01234 796197

Email: andy.shilliday@highways.gsi.gov.uk

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ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 16A (B4540 BISON HILL, WHIPSNADE) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) ORDER 2011

Central Bedfordshire

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Central Bedfordshire Council intend not less than seven days from the date of this Notice to make an Order the effect of which will be to prohibit any vehicle from proceeding along that length of the B4540 Bison Hill, Whipsnade which extends from its junction with the B4506 Dagnall Road to its junction with the crossroads with the B4540 Dunstable Road.

This temporary closure is required to facilitate the holding of the Cycletta cycling event and shall apply to such extent as may from time to time be indicated by the appropriate traffic signs.

The Order will be operative on Sunday 11 September 2011 between 8.00am and 1.00pm.

The alternative routes available for vehicles affected by the proposed Order are:-

Proceed in a northerly direction on Dunstable Road then Whipsnade Road to roundabout with B489 Tring Road, Dunstable. Take 1st exit and continue on B489 to roundabout with B4506 Dagnall Road, Whipsnade. Take 1st exit and continue on B4506 to junction with B4540 Bison Hill and site and vice versa.

The proposed Order will come into operation on 11 September for a period of one day.

For further information please contact Joanna Dytch, Participate Sport Ltd, Tel: 0207 3483436

DATED 24 August 2011

CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL

(WEST STREET, DUNSTABLE) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) ORDER 2011

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Central Bedfordshire Council intend not less than seven days from the date of this Notice to make an Order the effect of which will be to prohibit any vehicle, except a vehicle being used for fire, police or ambulance purposes in an emergency, from proceeding along that length of West Street, Dunstable, which extends from the A5 to the B4541 Whipsnade Road.

This temporary closure is required to enable surfacing works to take place and shall apply to such extent as may from time to time be indicated by the appropriate traffic signs. Where possible access will be maintained to property and premises but may be restricted from time to time according to local signing.

It is expected that the works will take place for FIVE NIGHTS from 12th to 16th September 2011 between 8pm to 6am. Specific dates will be advertised locally closer to the time.

The alternative routes available for vehicles affected by the proposed Order are:-

Proceed on B4541 Whipsnade Rd, continuing on Dunstable Rd., Whipsnade to roundabout with B4540. Take 1st exit and continue on B4540 to junction with A5. Turn left and continue north on A5 to junction with A505 West St and site and vice versa.

The proposed Order will come into operation on 12th September 2011 for a period of four months or until the proposed works have been completed, as detailed above, whichever is the earlier.

For further information please contact Central Bedfordshire Highways, Tel: 0300 300 8049.

DATED 24th August 2011

CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL

(KING STREET, DUNSTABLE) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) ORDER 2011

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Central Bedfordshire Council intend not less than seven days from the date of this Notice to make an Order the effect of which will be to prohibit any vehicle, except a vehicle being used for fire, police or ambulance purposes in an emergency, from proceeding along the full length of King Street, Dunstable. The one-way status of King Street will be revoked for the duration of the closure.

This temporary closure is required to enable surfacing works to take place and shall apply to such extent as may from time to time be indicated by the appropriate traffic signs. Where possible access will be maintained to property and premises but may be restricted from time to time according to local signing.

It is expected that the works will take place on TWO DAYS on Thursday 8th and Friday 9th September 2011 between 8am to 6pm. Specific dates will be advertised locally closer to the time.

The alternative routes available for vehicles affected by the proposed Order are:-

Proceed in a north-westerly direction on A5 to Britain St. Turn right and continue on Britain St to Richard St. Turn right and continue on Richard St to King St and site and vice versa.

The proposed Order will come into operation on 8th September 2011 for a period of four months or until the proposed works have been completed, as detailed above, whichever is the earlier.

For further information please contact Central Bedfordshire Highways, Tel: 0300 300 8049.

DATED 24th August 2011

Basil Jackson Assistant Director for Highways
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The Renault Wind - a nippy, fun car with a great sporty look, and surprisingly easy to park!

The Renault Wind is easily recognisable as a car with stylish good looks. I was totally unprepared for all the admiring glances that it drew from both the ladies and, more surprisingly, the guys. A real conversation starter… even whilst sat stationery at the traffic lights!

Loved the bucket seats but check you can get comfortable as adjustments are slightly tricky and the limited rear visibility may be an issue. The show-stealing, super-fast folding roof of the Renault Wind amazingly doesn't take up any of the all-important boot space. There's even a rear mini shelf for your bits and pieces behind the seats.
I felt very safe driving the sturdy Renault Wind even though you're low down. Loved the way the doors instantly locked as you moved off and was reassured by the discretely hidden strengthening bars in the boot. With electric windows, alloy wheels, cruise control and air con, Renault Wind's standard spec was perfect for my requirements as an 'about town' car. Add on your own extras if you fancy.

Behind The Wheel

The Renault Wind's a dream to drive and certainly lives up to its sporty looks. It's quick and pacy with great handling control that just gripped the road. It feels sturdy and solid and I was certainly not intimidated by larger cars or lorries when alongside me. With the roof up it's reasonably quiet inside unlike its soft-top convertible counterparts. Go roof down and both the windows and wind deflector do a decent job of still letting you hear your favourite CD playing.
Some will struggle to find a comfortable driving position because the steering wheel doesn't adjust for reach and the seat controls aren't overly friendly. However, that said, once set myself and passenger found the bucket seating positions most comfortable as they envelope around you. With most of the dash controls within easy reach, only the small and fiddly stereo buttons slightly let the side down.
My biggest criticisms of the Renault Wind would have to be that the dashboard reflects in the windscreen on sunny days, some of the arms are tricky to see dependent upon the position of the steering wheel and your rear vision is limited through the small back window.

Equipment

Renault Wind has everything I need for an 'about town' car. Easy to use controls for electric windows (although I would have preferred not to have to keep my finger on the button until they were fully up or down), sleek looking alloy wheels, handy cruise control, an MP3-player socket and air-conditioning are a great standard spec. I absolutely loved the automatic headlights and the clever wipers that matched the speed of the rain without me having to do anything.

Performance

A tight gearbox meant nipping through the gears was effortless. I loved the quick extra 'oompf' that the Renault Wind responds with, enabling you to get out of a tight situation if called for. Petrol consumption was pleasingly surprising.

Space & Practicality

Renault Wind's headline feature is undoubtedly its fast-folding hard-top. With none of the origami-complexity of other electric folding roofs, it requires no more input from you than just a twist of a handle and a press of a button to make the roof panel take a mere 9 seconds to swivel 180 degrees to sit down in the boot lid! Pretty impressive by any standards and a feature that has made several convertible owning friends immensely jealous! And best of all? No space is stolen from the large, well-shaped boot once down so you and your passenger can still shop till you drop without fear that you'll have no room for all those bags.

Overall Rating

A total pleasure to drive, this is a super-stylish baby convertible. The Renault Wind is a real show stopper that guarantees admiring (or is that envious glances?) wherever you go, roof up or down.
In three weeks of test driving the Renault Wind, I lost count of how many people started talking to me about the car – in the car park, whilst loading in the shopping, waiting to pick up the kids, even whilst sat at the traffic lights in one instance!

If you've ever fancied yourself in a convertible but couldn't ever justify the cost, the Renault Wind has a great opening price point of just £12,995 - now that's a true plus point in my book!

Review by Ms Fitzgerald, Marketing Manager for a retail fashion and jewellry manufacturer in Milton Keynes.

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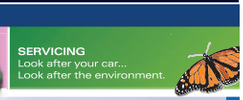

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AUG 13 EXETER (A) W 2-0
AUG 16 YEOVIL (A) W 1-0
AUG 20 CHESTERFIELD (H) W 6-2
AUG 23 NORWICH (A) CC W 4-0
AUG 27 STEVENAGE (H)
AUG 30 BRENTFORD (H) JPT
SEP 3 CARLISLE (A)
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SEP 13 CHARLTON (H)
SEP 17 HUDDERSFIELD (H)
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OCT 15 BOURNEMOUTH (H)
OCT 22 SCUNTHORPE (H)
OCT 25 SHEFF UTD (A)
OCT 29 WALSALL (A)
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NOV 19 COLCHESTER (A)
NOV 26 WYCOMBE (H)
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DEC 17 PRESTON (H)
DEC 26 LEYTON ORIENT (A)
DEC 31 BRENTFORD (A)
JAN 2 COLCHESTER (H)
JAN 7 STEVENAGE (A)
JAN 14 CARLISLE (H)
JAN 21 NOTTS COUNTY (A)
JAN 28 SHEFF WED (H)
FEB 4 HUDDERSFIELD (A)
FEB 11 BURY (H)
FEB 14 CHARLTON (A)
FEB 18 OLDHAM (H)
FEB 25 BOURNEMOUTH (A)
MAR 3 HARTLEPOOL (A)
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LOCAL FOOTBALL

WEEKEND results: FA Cup Extra Preliminary Round: Witney Town 0 Newport Pagnell Town 4; South Midlands Football League Div 1: Welwyn Garden City 2 New Bradwell St Peter 2, Chesham United Res 3 Stony Stratford Town 0; Div 2: Bletchley Town 1 Totternhoe 3, The 61 FC 3 Old Bradwell 1, MK Wanderers 4 Pitstone & Ivinghoe 1; United Counties League Div 1: Wooton 0 Olney Town 0.

HOCKEY

MK Hockey Club are holding an open day on Saturday, September 3, from 10am until 5pm.

Everyone is welcome, whether you are new to the sport, wanting to join your local club or returning to the game. There will be activities for all standards, see www.mkhockey.co.uk for more.

ROWING

MK Rowing Club came away with five wins at the Peterborough Summer Regatta.

Tim Grossey and Ben Klewpatinond won in the Elite Pairs category and there were wins for Helen Marshall in her single scull, Charlene Mills, Lou Rivett, Becks Trouse and Andi Grossey in their coxed four, David Ashmore and Gwenn Contini in a coxed four and Lindy Gray, Emma Harris, Liz Tatman and Andi Grossey in the women's quadruple scull.

MK Dons assistant manager JOHN GORMAN writes exclusively for MK NEWS every week

We had a good win last week at Yeovil which came on my 61st birthday.

There was nothing much in celebrations on the coach back, but there was a small rendition of happy birthday. The next day I saw my grandchildren so that was my real celebration.

Everybody's buzzing at the club at the minute and we're looking forward to Stevenage coming on Saturday. We owe them one after they put us out of the FA Cup last year.

I wouldn't say it's revenge but we want to make up for that. I think it will be a different type of game than Chesterfield, they've got a strong team.

I know their manager Graham Westley very well, he was one of my young players when he was at Gillingham.

To their credit, Chesterfield came and tried to make it an open game but I think Stevenage will be a bit of a harder nut to crack.

Sam Baldock got the first home hat-trick at stadiummk against Chesterfield.

Without boasting, we do work hard on the training ground and to see the fruits of it on the pitch is nice, Sam spent a lot of time last week on his finishing.

We have also welcomed our new player Adam Smith, on-loan from Tottenham, who will have to sing a song for us when we play Carlisle.

Tim Sherwood and Les Ferdinand from Tottenham came down for the game on Saturday so it shows what they think of him.

Speaking of Tottenham, I was asked to get tickets for seven people in Scotland for the second leg against Hearts at White Hart Lane.

I got them, but after the first leg they decided not to come.

We had a friendly in training on Monday, England v The Rest of the World, who featured the Irish players, Gary MacKenzie and Angelo.

The Gaffer captained England and it was a draw, so it went to penalties, which we used to practice for the Norwich game. England won the shootout which makes a change.

LEAGUE ONE TABLE

		Home					Away						
	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	MK Dons	4	1	1	0	8	4	2	0	0	3	0	7	10
2	Charlton	4	1	1	0	5	2	2	0	0	4	1	6	10
3	Sheffield Utd	4	2	0	0	5	2	1	1	0	3	1	5	10
4	Brentford	4	2	0	0	7	0	1	0	1	2	3	6	9
5	Preston	4	1	0	1	3	4	1	1	0	3	1	1	7
6	Bury	4	1	0	1	2	3	1	1	0	3	1	1	7
7	Tranmere	4	1	1	0	2	1	1	0	1	3	3	1	7
8	Carlisle	4	1	0	1	2	4	1	1	0	2	0	0	7
9	Notts County	4	1	0	1	4	4	1	0	1	4	2	2	6
10	Stevenage	4	0	2	0	2	2	1	1	0	4	2	2	6
11	Huddersfield	4	1	1	0	4	3	0	2	0	2	2	1	6
12	Sheffield Wed	4	2	0	0	4	1	0	0	2	1	4	0	6
13	Oldham	4	1	0	1	2	2	1	0	1	3	4	-1	6
14	Walsall	4	1	1	0	2	1	0	1	1	3	4	0	5
15	Wycombe	4	0	1	1	1	3	1	1	0	4	2	0	5
16	Hartlepool	4	0	2	0	1	1	0	2	0	4	4	0	4
17	Colchester	4	0	1	1	1	3	1	0	1	6	5	-1	4
18	Yeovil	4	1	0	1	3	2	0	1	1	1	3	-1	4
19	Scunthorpe	4	0	1	1	2	3	0	2	0	3	3	-1	3
20	Bournemouth	4	1	0	1	3	3	0	0	2	1	5	-4	3
21	Rochdale	4	0	2	0	2	2	0	0	2	0	4	-4	2
22	Exeter	4	0	0	2	1	4	0	1	1	0	1	-4	1
23	Chesterfield	4	0	1	1	1	3	0	0	2	2	7	-7	1
24	Leyton Orient	4	0	0	2	1	4	0	0	2	0	6	-9	0

BACK OF THE NET: Sam Baldock is congratulated by his team mates after doubling MK Dons' advantage

Canaries hit for four

FROM BACK PAGE

did force themselves in front just moments later with a move of real quality.

Stephen Gleeson played in Chadwick with a lovely through ball and the midfielder, playing against his old club, calmly finished past Rudd after taking a couple of touches.

The home crowd were stunned and Norwich, a wounded animal, had a chance to level almost immediately.

Simeon Jackson used his pace to race onto a through ball but Martin rushed out to the edge of his area and superbly averted the danger before the striker could get a touch.

Things then went from bad to worse for the hosts when Baldock scored a goal which will further fuel speculation that he will be leaving in the transfer window.

Adam Drury gave the ball away and Gleeson again turned provider as Norwich's defence inexplicably allowed the Dons' star man an acre of space.

The 22-year-old didn't pass up the opportunity and finished past Rudd with a thumping strike from 25-yards. It was clear that the Dons' 11 were the only side who were used to playing together as a team, and the visitors threatened to add a third before the half-time whistle.

Adam Smith's angled shot was fumbled by Rudd and then Jabo Ibehre saw a shot blocked after he had passed up earlier chances to pull the trigger.

The hosts mounted some pressure in the Dons' final third in the closing stages of the half but a stinging cross from Adam Drury which angled in towards Martin's goal was the closest Norwich came as the visitors' defence held firm.

Into the second half and there was an early scare for Dons when Andrew Surman's superb 30-yard drive flew inches over Martin's bar.

Then Dons had a chance to make the game safe when Baldock, who had combined superbly with Bowditch on the overlap, rolled in Chadwick but the shot flew wide of the mark.

However, the club's player of the year didn't have to wait long to claim his second and the decisive third in the game.

On the hour mark, a fantastic passing move bamboozled the Norwich backline and culminated in a decisive through ball from Bowditch, which Chadwick dinked into the back of the net.

It then got even better for the overjoyed travelling support when substitute Daniel Powell took advantage of Surman's suicidal back pass and slotted the ball past Rudd to spark a mass exodus from the home fans.

Dons saw out the game in comfort to claim their first win at a Premier League ground and they now have the chance of a dream tie when the draw for round three is made.

Norwich: Rudd, Martin, Drury, Whitbread (Lappin 70), Jackson, Surman, Hoolahan (Morison 62), Fox, K.Smith, Wilbraham, Ayala (De Laet 77) Unused subs: Ruddy, Johnson, Holt, Bennett.

Dons: Martin, A.Smith, Lewington, MacKenzie, Gleeson, Potter, Bowditch (Powell 63), S.Baldock (O'Shea 75), Williams, Ibehre (Balanta 46), Chadwick. Unused subs: McLoughlin, Chicksen, Flanagan, G.Baldock.

Attendance: 13,009

TRYING HIS LUCK: Jabo Ibehre has an attempt on goal

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Treble delight: Baldock celebrates his third against Chesterfield

Could Baldock be set to leave Dons?

BIDS for star Dons man Sam Baldock seem a certainty after the striker shone with a fantastic treble on Saturday.

The 22-year-old's hat-trick, the first ever by a Don at stadiummk, was the leading attraction as MK romped to a 6-2 league win over Chesterfield.

Baldock put on the masterclass in front of a number of watching scouts who will no doubt have compiled glowing reports after the 90 minutes.

The fact that an offer of £1.2 million from Peterborough was accepted over the summer shows that Dons are prepared to let the first product from their Academy leave, if the right amount of cash is stumped up.

Reading, Rangers, Southampton and Crystal Palace have been linked and West Ham boss Sam Allardyce, who worked with Dons boss Karl Robinson at Blackburn, was in the stands.

Furthermore, the way Baldock acknowledged the stadiummk crowd at full-time was interpreted by some as a goodbye.

Robinson was full of praise for the player after the game, which saw his side go top of League One.

He said: "A number of people were upstairs watching him and I'd love to see what their reports are. He's an exceptionally gifted footballer. If something comes up that we can't say no to and Sam can't say no to he will go with my blessing.

"But that's a decision for the board if the offer comes in and it's the right money."

Baldock's first goal was a superb strike from a tight angle after he ran onto Jabo Ibehre's perfectly lobbed pass, the second was a tap in after Ibehre played him in and the third was the best of the lot, a stunning drive from the edge of the area after he'd skipped through a couple of Chesterfield challenges.

Robinson said: "One was his pace, one was a little poacher's goal and the other was a wonder goal. So they were completely different goals.

"For the third, I've seen him do that in training every day and it was no surprise when he put it in the back of the net.

"We hope we've improved his all round game, and that's a difference you see now, you're seeing a different type of Sam Baldock.

"One who wants to work hard, who can hold the ball up, run the channels, and gets involved in the build up."

The boss added that Ibehre was an 'unbelievable foil' for Baldock and said the 6-2 romp was not just about one player.

"We've got a number of players in the final third who can go on and affect games," he said.

"Against Hartlepool, Cheltenham, Exeter and Yeovil, we had the same performance levels.

"The difference was that against Chesterfield the ball went in the back of the net on a consistent basis."

BASKETBALL

Two make debut as Lions tip-off

TWO new faces took to the court on Thursday night as MK Lions squared off against Stony Brook University Seawolves in their first game ahead of the new British Basketball League campaign.

Carl Josey and Nathan Schall were both unveiled to fans before the 84-60 defeat against the American visitors.

Dan Northern, Nuno Pedroso and Adrien Sturt have also been confirmed as new additions on the 2011/12 roster, but all three were unavailable for the clash at MK Lions arena.

However, point guard Stefan Gill, the other signed player for the squad, was available to start and the man known as 'The Matrix' shone in the friendly loss.

He was part of a youthful line-up which included 15-year-old Michael New Jr, son of Lions coach Mike New, and 16-year-old Chris Taiwah.

More new players are set to be announced shortly but the Lions have conceded that Demarius Bolds and Travis Nelson, two of last year's favourites, are unlikely to return.

Forward Josey, who stands at 6'5", grabbed 12 points and 12 rebounds against Stony.

The 25-year-old from Surrey attended high school and college in America and enjoyed a year's pro experience in Iceland last year, where he averaged 12 points and seven rebounds per game.

An excellent three point shooter, it is Josey's all action style that caught the eye of Head Coach New.

He said: "We have tracked Carl for three years now and it was time for him to hit the BBL. I know he wanted that year in Iceland to prepare and I'm looking forward to his impact this season."

Schall, 21, another forward who stands at 6'7", went through his basketball development in the UK and could have signed for the Lions last year if it wasn't for injury.

In 2008 he won every title available with Manchester Magic at U18 level, and he then progressed to the EBL team there where he was part of the play-off winning side in 2009/10 alongside Gill.

Carl Josey in action against Stony Brook.

New said: "Injury stopped Nathan joining us last season but now he is fit and well he is keen to experience the game here at this level, he is very athletic and quick, he'll be fun to watch."

Both of the new players will link up with the rest of the squad at the end of the month when pre-season training will begin in earnest ahead of the first tip-off against Leicester Riders on October 1.

But the Lions will be in action before then with another international friendly at their home arena.

This time Philadelphia based St Joseph's University will be the visitors, on August 27 with a 7.30pm tip-off.

A crowd of over 700 watched the Stony game and Lions will be hoping for more at the Saturday night clash.

ATHLETICS

Track and field stars to take on world

THREE city athletes are gearing up for the Athletics World Championships, which get underway in Daegu, South Korea on Saturday.

Long jumper Greg Rutherford will be joined by sprinters Craig Pickering and Chris Clarke, who have been named for the 4x100m and 4x400m relays respectively.

In the long jump, Rutherford will feel that he is in with a shout of a medal after some impressive displays in Diamond League events so far this year.

At present he sits joint second in the standings alongside South African Godfrey Mokoena, which proves that he should be in the mix at the worlds when the long jump starts on September 1.

Out in front is Michael Watt, the man everyone will have to beat to claim the gold medal.

The Australian has recorded the four longest jumps of the year, and is the clear favourite going into Daegu.

Another rival for Rutherford will be compatriot Chris Tomlinson, who sits sixth in the Diamond League standings but is the current British record holder.

Tomlinson took the record from Rutherford in Paris last month with an impressive leap of 8.35m and the MK man is desperate to claim the landmark back.

Clarke, 21, came second in the 400m at the UK trials last month in a time of 45.64s, which was just short of the 45.25s 'A' qualification time he needed to secure a place in Daegu in the individual event as well.

He is joined by Richard Buck, Jack Green, Dai Greene, Luke Lennon Ford, Nigel Levine, Richard Strachan and Martyn Rooney, the fastest Briton at present over 400m, in the relay squad.

Pickering has been named alongside Harry Aikines-Aryeetey, Marlon Devonish, James Ellington, Mark Lewis-Francis, Christian Malcolm and Danny Talbot in the 4x100 squad.

Both relay teams will believe they have a chance of a medal come the finals at the end of the championships.

LOCAL CRICKET

MORRANTS FOUR COUNTIES LEAGUE

Division One

MK CITY enjoyed a four wicket win over relegation-threatened Biddenham after a superb spell of bowling by Mohammed Shaid restricted their opponents to 155/9.

He took 5/26 and opener Jin Lall then hit exactly 50 to help City home after 40 overs for the lost of six wickets.

City remain second behind leaders North Crawley who cruised past Eaton Bray by eight wickets.

After Eaton made 220/3, Alex Walker scored a superb unbeaten 121 to comfortably take his side past the total in a game where only five wickets fell.

By contrast it was a good day for the bowlers when Newport Pagnell took on New Bradwell at Willen Road.

Newport were bowled out for just 96 but New Bradwell made heavy work of the reply, creeping over the line to finish on 98/7, just about enough.

Olney Town had to settle for a winning draw against Elstow after they posted a total of 186/9.

Andrew Griffin top scored with 46 and Elstow then struggled along to 159/7 to force the draw.

The remaining game between Milton Keynes CC and Studham was cancelled.

NORTHANTS PREMIER LEAGUE

Premier Division

STONY Stratford went down by nine wickets to visiting Old Northamptonians at Ostlers Lane.

Steve Wharton's 42 and Adam Goldberg's unbeaten 30 were the only scores of note as Stony collapsed to a disappointing 133 all out in their innings.

David Wigley ended up with phenomenal figures of 8/36 and Old Northamptonians only needed a little over 20 overs to romp to victory.

Tom Webb finished unbeaten on 87 after a 64-ball knock which included nine fours and three sixes.

CHERWELL LEAGUE

Division One

BLETCHLEY Town gave their chances of staying up a huge boost with a 54-run derby win over Buckingham.

Batting first, Town finished on 189/8 with Graham Simpson's 43 and an over-a run-a-ball 37 from James Clark the top scores on the card.

In response, Buckingham were torn apart by all-rounder James Sprittles, who finished with figures of 6/47 to help Bletchley record their second straight win in their battle against the drop.

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Chadwick brace helps dump out Premier League Norwich

CUP GLORY: Luke Chadwick fires his first under the legs of Norwich keeper John Ruddy to give Dons the lead

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Norwich City 0 MK Dons 4

DONS produced one of the most memorable performances in their history last night as they thrashed Premier League Norwich in the Carling Cup.

Karl Robinson's side were ruthless as they gave the top flight new boys a lesson in passing football and clinical finishing to book their place in round three.

Two goals in each half stunned the home side, who created few clear cut chances, and ensured a result which has made the football world stand up and take notice.

The boss made two changes from the side which demolished Chesterfield 6-2 on Saturday with Angelo Balanta and Adam Chicksen being replaced by Darren Potter and Luke Chadwick who were returning from suspension and injury respectively.

Norwich made 11 changes following their Premier League draw with Stoke on Sunday, but still named five of the team which started their season curtain raiser at Wigan.

Among them was former Don Aaron Wilbraham who was the first to register a shot in anger with a drive from distance which was straight down David Martin's throat.

Defences dominated the opening exchanges with no clear cut chances at either end, but Dean Bowditch did cause some panic in the Norwich box after 20 minutes.

The former Ipswich man skipped past Russell Martin with the help of a lucky deflection before driving in a cross, but the Premier League side were able to scramble the ball clear.

Norwich were rattled though and Dons

CONTINUED INSIDE

SOMETHING... FOR EVERYONE !

EAT, DRINK & BE MERRY

HungryHorse

The Tawny Owl

Off the V11 road in Milton Keynes, sits the Tawny owl, re-furbished to a very high standard and opened as a Hungry Horse, hungry horse pub restaurants are famous for their high quality, big value food and choice of beers, ales and drinks to suit all tastes.

The Tawny Owls hungry horse with Alex and her team is no different, in fact the team there believe it is the best value family pub in the Milton Keynes area.

Experienced hungry horse manager Alex and her wealth of experience in providing family themed nights, as well as creating fantastic party atmosphere for adult parties and entertainment, Since taking over the community pub in 2010, Alex and her team strive to make the Tawny Owl the NUMBER ONE family friendly community pub.

The Hungry Horse menu tempts diners with an extensive range of dishes from Rump and Sirloin Steak to Chicken Tikka and the new Sizzling Rack of Ribs. The menu really does have something for everyone all of the time.

The 'Kids Menu' offers exciting choices and parent's peace of mind when choosing for their children. The menu provides the right size portions for the age of the child, in line with Government guidelines and is the first to offer extra vegetable portions free for young diners.

The menu is set out to help youngsters learn to make their own choices and contains reduced fat and reduced salt options. It also includes organic pasta dishes and vegetarian options but without taking out any of the fun. And, by adding a portion of free vegetables, the kids menu now enables mums and dads toprovide four of their children's '5-A-Day fruit and vegetables in one meal. As an added bonus, each child receives a 'Kids Activity Pack'. For the youngest guests, baby- changing facilities are also available along with easy pushchair access.

Value for money really is the order of the day at The Hungry Horse. The 'Two for £8.49' menu is offered all day Monday to Friday with dishes such as Roasted Chicken Breast with mashed potatoor Open cauliflower Cheese Pie Wednesday is 'Curry and A Drink' special offer from just £5.99 with six different curries and on Thursdays you can receive a free drink with any big plate special grill meal from £5.99. Drinks available for these offers include Green King IPA, Fosters, Coca-Cola and Blossom Hill wine, Sunday lunches start from £6.59 and all come with no washing up!

Full menu is also served on Sundays. Events coming up at The Tawny Owl are poker night on a Monday from 8.00pm and a quiz on a Thursday night from 9.00pm and regular monthly theme nights. Alex and her team looks forward to seeing you soon at The Tawny Owl, Hungry Horse.

Celebrate Christmas as the Tawny Owl.

Join us for our special Christmas party nights and celebrate in style! With a 3 course meal then finish the night off in style with the following free entertainment.

Thursday night will also be a quiz night, Friday Karaoke & Saturday Disco and live music.

New Years Eve

Join us for our glamorous Masquerade Ball with live singing from Glen Roy followed by a disco.

Children welcome all night no need for a baby sitter. Our full menu will be available book your table early.

Be sure to join Alex and her team to commence the count down and see 2012 in with a BANG!!!!

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Starters

Broccoli and Wensleydale Soup (V)
Served with crusty baguette and butter.

Breaded Torpedo Prawns
Delicious prawns coated in crispy, golden breadcrumbs served with a sweet chilli dip.

Chicken Forestiere Pate
Smooth chicken pate served with cranberry sauce, sliced toasted baguette and butter.

Tomato and Mushroom Bruschette (V)
Garlic ciabatta topped with napolitana sauce, sliced ield mushrooms and melted cheese.

Desserts

Christmas Pudding (V)
A rich and fruity traditional Christmas pudding, served with hot custard or brandy sauce..

Warm Chocolate Brownie
A Wickedly indulgent chocolate brownie topped with vanilla ice cream and dusted with icing sugar

Apple and Raspberry Crumble (V)
A delicious fruit crumble topped with a crunchy topping and served with hot custard.

Followed by

Cheese & Biscuits (V)
Cheese served with celery, grapes and a selection of biscuits.

Finally (if you've still got room)
Coffee & Mince Pies to finish!

The Big Plate Special Main Event

Traditional Turkey and Honey Roasted Ham with all the Trimmings
Roast potatoes, roasted vegetables, Yorkshire puddings, brussels sprouts, pigs in blankets and sage & onion stuffing, all served with cranberry sauce.

T-Bone Steak
Cooked just the way you like it! Served with green peppercorn and cognac sauce, roast potatoes, roasted vegetables, Yorkshire puddings and brussels sprouts.

Sweet Chilli Salmon
Succulent salmon fillet smothered in sweet chill sauce. Served with basmati rice and stir-fried red onions and peppers. All topped with breaded torpedo prawns.

Luxury Nut Roast (V)
Our indulgent nut roast with chestnuts, cashew nuts and cranberries. Served with roast potatoes, roasted vegetables, brusssels sprouts, Yorkshire puddings and gravy.

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